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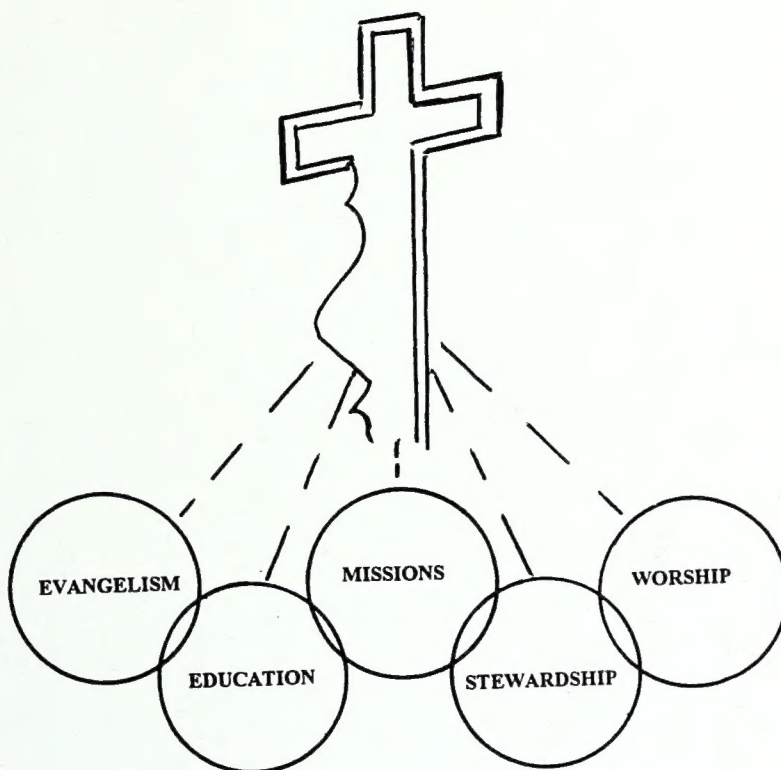
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Three Forks Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

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Hebrews 12: 1-2



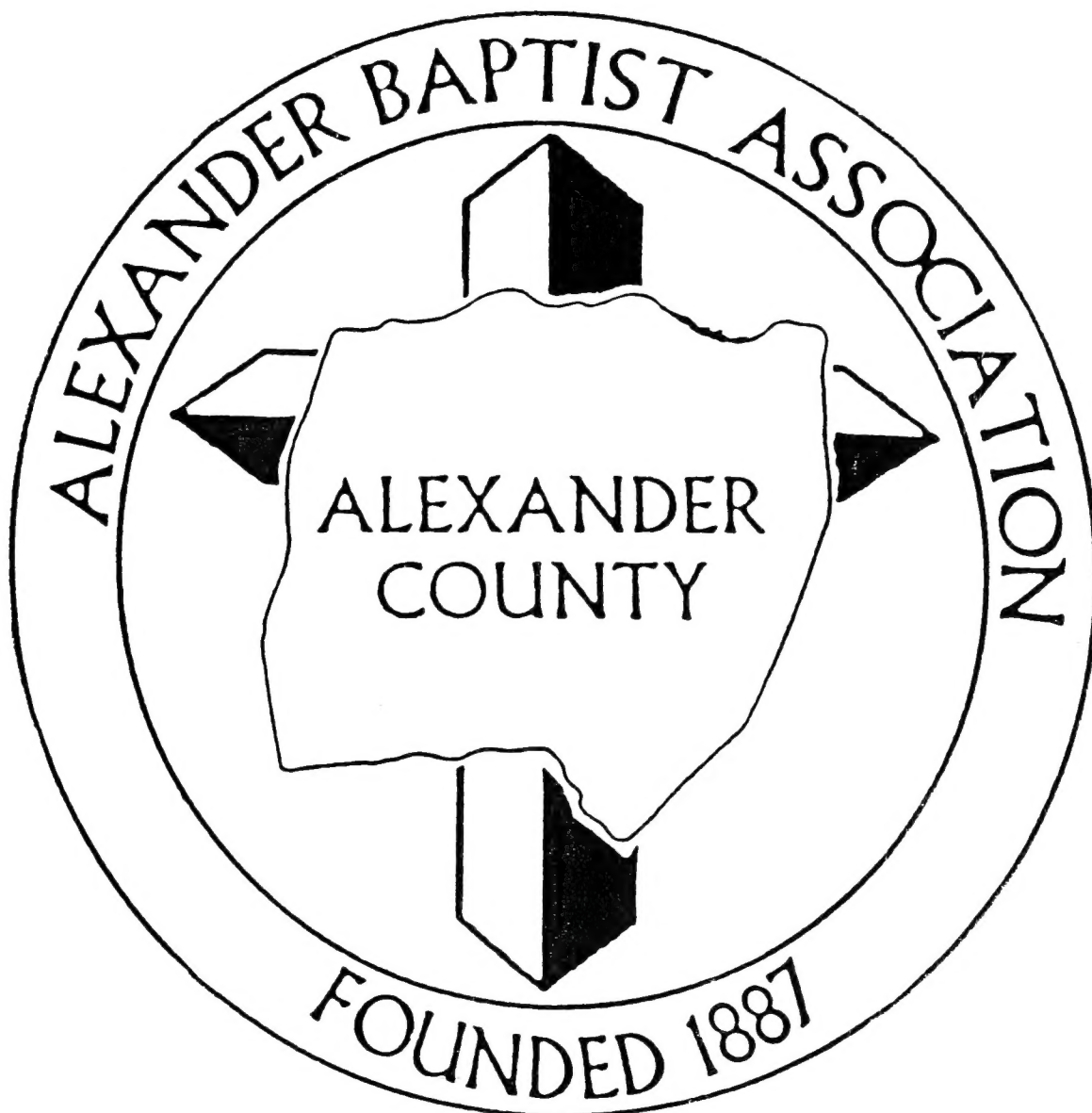
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DR. MICHAEL BLACKWELL, Director
N. C. Baptist Children's Homes

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Director
Evangelism Division, NCSBC

REV. KEITH CHILDERS
Annual Sermon

DR. THAD DOWDLE, Dean
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute



"A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER"

(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Acts 1:8)

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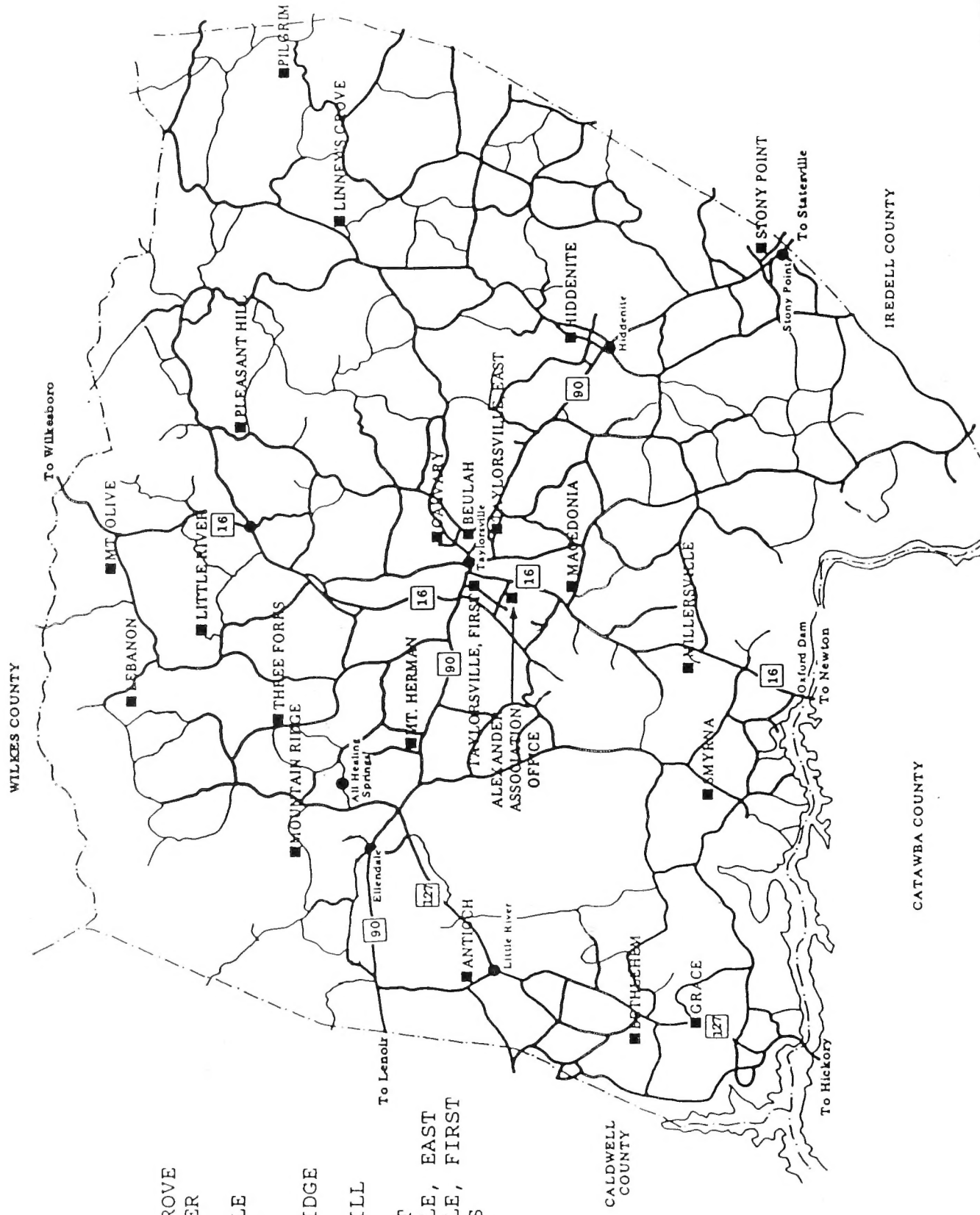
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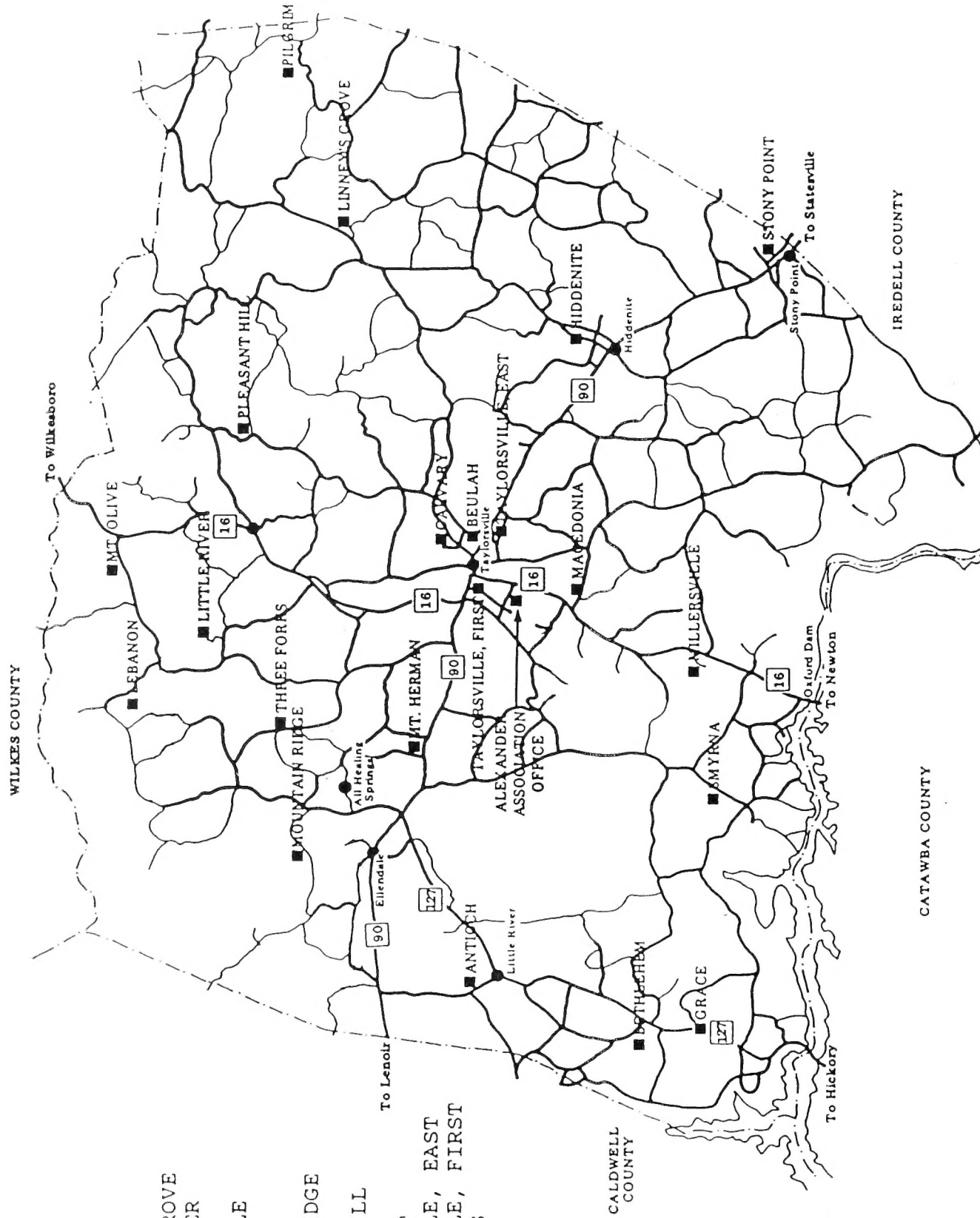
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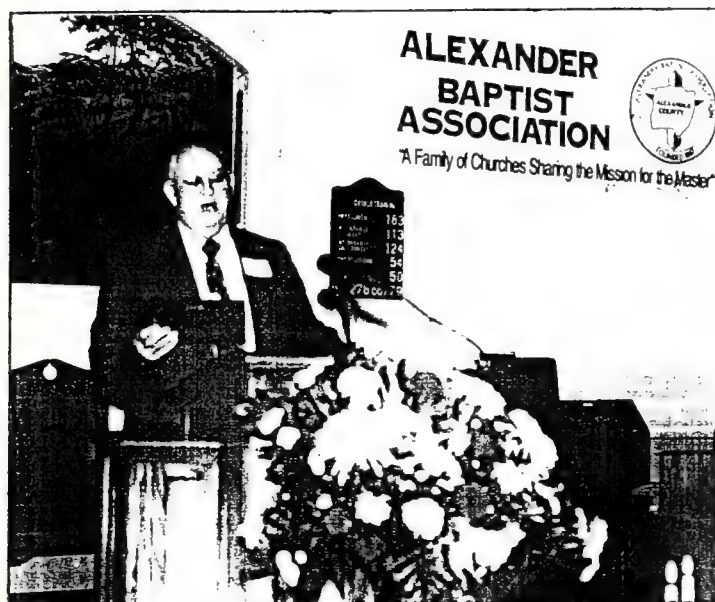


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Dedication of Minutes for 1996

We, the Alexander Baptist Association, wish to dedicate the minutes of our 109th Annual Session in honor of Mr. Joseph D. McDuffie.

Mr. McDuffie was born December 30, 1929 and graduated from Taylorsville High School in 1949. He attended Brevard College and Lenoir Rhyne College.

"Joe" served as Vice Moderator for the Association in 1993 and 1994 and served as Moderator in 1995 and 1996. He joined Little River Baptist Church in 1955 where he has served as Sunday School Superintendent and Vacation Bible School Principal. He served as Church Clerk from 1972 to 1981.

He was ordained as a Deacon on August 19, 1973 and still remains an active deacon. He taught the Katie Mullis Sunday School Class for several years and is currently teaching the Adult Mens Class.

He was President of Taylorsville Savings Bank when he retired on December 30, 1994 after 35 years of service. He continues to serve as a director for the bank, and is an active member of the Taylorsville Lions Club and the Little River Ruritan Club.



**Dedication
of Minutes
for 1996**

We, the Alexander Baptist Association, wish to dedicate the minutes of our 109th Annual Session in honor also of Mrs. Kathryn Hutchens.

Mrs. Hutchens has been actively involved in the work of the Alexander Baptist Association since 1985. She has served as Assistant WMU Director and is completing her ninth year of service as the Associational WMU Director.

In addition to serving in the Association she has served as a member of the Executive Board of North Carolina WMU and as Assistant WMU Director and WMU Director in her church. Kathryn is a member of Stony Point Baptist Church where she serves as Assistant WMU Director, as a member of the choir, the Drama Team, and is the leader of the Children's Choir.

In Memoriam

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Mr. Raymond Crouch

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Mr. Clyde S. Bolick
Mrs. Beatrice Fox
Mrs. Mary Ann Jonas
Mr. Lee Keever
Mr. William Phillpotts
Mrs. Hettie Teague
Mr. Howard Teague, Deacon

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Mr. Rodney Icenhour
Mrs. Edna Treadway

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Mr. Odell Barlowe
Mr. Willis Barnes, Deacon
Mr. Gene Clark
Mrs. Estelle Deal
Mr. Herb Elder
Mr. Roy Elder, Deacon
Mrs. Elloh Robinette
Mr. Robert Royal
Mr. L. E. Talley
Mrs. Clara Barlowe Wilson

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Mr. Jack Icard
Mrs. Barbara Melton
Mr. Charles Melton

LINNEY'S GROVE

Mrs. Ruby Baker

LITTLE RIVER

Mr. Bill Bumgarner
Mr. Ira Elder
Mrs. Cecil Rogers
Miss Kisha White

MACEDONIA

Mr. Coy Icenhour
Mr. Marcus Mullis

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Mr. Clifford Grant
Mr. Ernest James
Mrs. Annie Keever
Mrs. Angela Rathbone

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MT. OLIVE

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Mrs. Virginia Hayes
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Mrs. Cindy Nicholson
Mr. Frank Parker

PLEASANT HILL

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Mr. Allen Harrington
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Mrs. Maggie Herman
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Mrs. Sadie Mecimore
Mrs. Harold Price
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Miss Nancy Smith
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THREE FORKS

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Mr. Lloyd Douglas
Mr. Robert Herman
Mr. Grady Little
Mrs. Sadie Pearson
Mrs. Lona Steele
Mrs. Katie Thomas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The first Executive Committee meeting of 1996 was held on January 18. Rev. Marion Powell was nominated and elected as Vice-Moderator to replace Rev. David Boan who left the association. Several additions were made to the Nominating Committee. Joe McDuffie recognized our new Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Bobbi Glass. Several of the Missions Performance Council Directors announced the events they were planning for the upcoming quarter.

Our DOM, Bill Goble, reported that a weekly Bible Study was being conducted for our Hispanic friends by Mr. Mike Hernandez. Mr. Goble also reported that he had a conference with School Supt. Robert Austin about the possibility of a Bible Curriculum Course at Alexander Central High School. Now, in October 1996, after a high school student survey has just been taken, this is becoming a reality. Our churches and community must fund the teacher.

A Joint Worship Service to be held on March 31 at Antioch Church with Rev. Larry Blakely as preacher. Also voted to sell, trade, or give away four obsolete pieces of office equipment.

At the March 12 called meeting, Mr. Bobby Stafford of the Baptist State Convention talked to us concerning the need for a Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director. Voted to ask Mr. Joe McDuffie, Rev. Marion Powell and Bill Goble to find such a director and report back to the Spring Session. Voted to add the following persons in addition to the regular standing Finance Committee, DOM, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Sunday School Director and WMU Director.

Voted to make the Host Pastors a member of the Program Planning Committee.

July 18 Executive Committee meeting: After a presentation of Mrs. Mary Ashe and her credentials as a prospective new part-time staff member Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director she was elected a unanimous voice vote. She began her work August 5, 1996.

* Voted to re-roof the association office, "wrap" it in vinyl and make any other needed mechanical repairs at the office.

* Voted to fund \$2,000 for our Hispanic Missions Ministry for at least two Hispanic ministries this summer - a Mini-Health Clinic and an Evangelistic Rally at the Taylorsville Elementary School soccer field.

* Upcoming training events were promoted by some of the Associational Council Directors.

* DOM Goble reminded the group of the very importance of the N. C. Missions Offering to be received in September. Baptist Men and WMU in N. C. receive all their funding and the local association receives 10% of the offering back for missions projects through the N. C. Missions Offering.

The Moderator appointed the following Interdenominational Alexander Bible Course Committee Members to be instrumental in raising the funds for the Bible Course beginning in January 1997 at Alexander Central High School: Milton Campbell, Rev. Mark Clontz, Ben Hines, Jerry Mayes, Kip Mace, Rev. Jesse Rushing, Raeford Thomas, Rev. Kenneth Walters. Ex-officio: Mary Ashe, Rev. Bill Goble, Joe McDuffie and Rev. Marion Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe McDuffie
MODERATOR



*Call to me and I will answer you
and show you great and mighty
things which you have not known.*

Jeremiah 33:3

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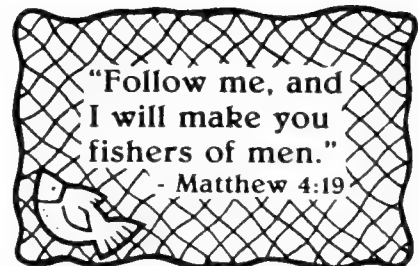
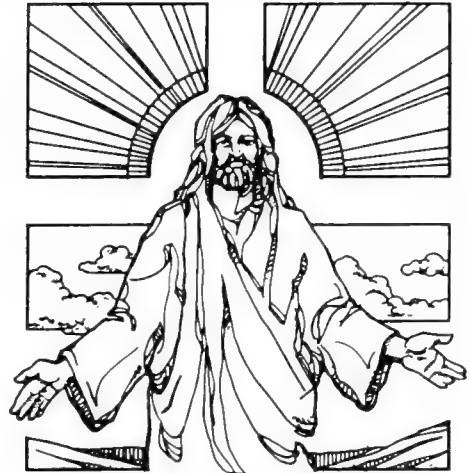
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"HOLDING ON TO YOUR DREAM"

Hebrews 12:1-2

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Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator

Mr. Chip Holden, Music Director

Rev. Bill Goble, Interim Director of Missions

9:00 AM

Hymn....Holy, Holy, Holy..... #1
Devotion and Prayer by Host Pastor.....Rev. Marion Powell
Welcome by Host Pastor.....Rev. Marion Powell
Constitution of Session.....Mr. Joe McDuffie
Roll Call of Churches.....Miss Emilyn Wagner
Order of Business.....Rev. Marion Powell
Recognition of New Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble, DOM
Recognition of Visitors.....Moderator
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Announcements.....Moderator

9:25 AM Hymn/Special Music....All Hail the Power....#40

9:30 AM Reports

NC Baptist Children's Homes...Dr. Michael Blackwell, Dir.
Memorial.....Clerk
Executive Committee.....Moderator
Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Budget and Finance/Adoption of Budget.....Kenneth Kerley
Interim Dir.of Missions/Calendar of Events.Rev.Bill Goble
Nominating (Vol. Selection)Committee.....Cathy Hartness

Hymn.....Glorious is Thy Name.....#59

Missions Performance Council

Missions Development - CCM Director.....Mary Ashe
Sunday School.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Discipleship.....Cathy Hartness
WMU.....Kathryn Hutchens, Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood.....Bob Brewington
Music.....Chip Holden
Youth.....Andrew Sarver
Stewardship.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Extension.....Rev. Kenneth Walters

Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns.....#52

Annual Meetings (Place & Preacher).....Rev. Edward Bolen
Resolutions.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Building and Grounds.....Chairman
Misc. Business.....Moderator

11:00 AM

Evangelism Report.....Rev. Mark Robinette
Speaker: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Dir. Div.of Evangelism

11:15 AM

Introduction of Speaker.....Moderator
Special Music.....

Annual Sermon
REV. KEITH CHILDERS
Pastor, LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sermon: "Holding On To Your Dream"

12 Noon

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Adjourn for Lunch

Evening Session - 7:00 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - TAYLORSVILLE
Rev. Marion Powell, V. Moderator, Presiding

7:00 PM

Concert by African/American Churches of Alexander County
Directed by.....Rev. Rick Hayes

7:30 PM

Devotion/Prayer...Rev. Albert Young..First Baptist Church
Welcome by Host Pastor.....Rev. Albert Young
Announcements.....Moderator
Recognition of Visitors and New Staff Members...Moderator
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Hymn.....Onward Christian Soldiers.....#393

7:55 PM

Missions Presentation.....Edward Bolen
Missions Testimony.....Shirley Lail

8:15 PM

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Special Music.....The Mission Four Quartet

Evening Sermon.....Dr. Thad Dowdle
Install Officers

9:00 PM

Adjourn to Fellowship Hall

Three Forks Baptist Church

Members from Little River Church met on May 14, 1857 to organize a church. They named the church Three Forks, prior to this the organization it was called Three Forks of Little River Baptist Church. They met in a log shelter built for funeral services. The charter members were fifteen men, twenty white women and two black women. In 1859, they voted to build a frame church. In 1896, another building was constructed. A brick building was built in 1945. An education building was added in 1959. The parsonage was built in 1962 and a fellowship building in 1975. A Family Life Center and Prophet's Quarters were completed in 1995. The Family Life Center was named for Mr. James Herman Rogers and the Prophet's Quarters was named for Rev. Marion Powell.

The Alexander Association met here for the first time in 1901 and we met last in 1990 with Rev. David Horton as pastor. In 1991, the church extended a call to Craig Halford for minister of youth and outreach.

The church is very mission minded and have paid expenses of several people to go to Brazil to help build buildings and to do witness work. They have also sent money to help buy land and build buildings. In 1995, they became a mother church for Hampton Woods Baptist Church in Gastonia. They also sent twenty-two youth and adults on a mission trip to California. In July 1996, they helped sponsor an evangelistic rally for the Hispanics at the Taylorsville Ball Park.

In January of 1993, Rev. Marion Powell was called as interim pastor and in May of 1993 he was called as pastor. In June of 1993, Jason Pharr was called as interim youth director. In 1994, Jason Guyer was called as minister of youth and associate pastor. On October 6, 1996, Jamie Steele was called as interim youth director.

Three Baptist Church is a growing church. In 1990 the Digest of Church Letters showed 520 members. In 1995, the total membership was reported at 670, making an increase of 150 members since we last met here.

First Baptist Church

On October 6, 1851, First Baptist Church was organized with twenty-three white men, twenty-eight white women and five black charter members. Six of the men were preachers. John Jones, a young minister joined the Sons of Temperance, an organization opposed to the sale and use of alcohol. Jones and others who joined him were expelled from Little River Baptist Church and started this new fellowship. The first meeting house was probably made of logs followed by a frame building. This is a quote from Miss Lucy's minutes in 1990.

The Alexander Association met here first in 1892 and we met here last in 1990 with Rev. David Boan as pastor.

On February 17, 1991, the church was incorporated on recommendation of the deacons.

Melissa McNeill served as minister of youth and children for the summer of 1991 until May of 1992. During the summer of 1992, Julie Ann Kafer served as youth leader, Jennifer Patterson was the 1993 summer worker with the youth. "Lin" Carter served in the 1994 and 1995. Tammy Candrey became minister of youth in March of 1996.

The church parsonage was sold following storm damage and the sale price put in a savings account. The savings and interest are to be used to give the pastor housing allowance.

In 1992, a new organ was purchased and dedicated on March 8, 1992 to the Glory of God and in honor of Miss Lucy Echerd for her years of service to the music ministry of First Baptist Church. Also in 1992, improvements were made to the property of Shoe Inn at Ridgecrest.

First Baptist Church continues to serve more than one hundred children and their parents through the Child Development Center. Safety requirements have been met by many improvements to the church facilities and Child Development Center.

On March 19, 1995, Greg Barmer resigned as music director. Mrs. Shirley Bell is serving as director of music. Mrs. Margie Mayberry serves as pianist and Miss Lucy Echerd serves as organist. They all serve as volunteers.

In April of 1996, the church voted to endorse the ministry of Mike Hernandez to Hispanics by supplementing his income and they meet here for Bible study.

Rev. David Boan resigned as pastor in December of 1995. Rev. Albert Young is serving as supply pastor and Rev. David Griffin is providing pastoral care.

Proceedings
of the
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ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
October 17, 1996

FIRST SESSION: THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, October 17, 1996 - 9:00 AM
THEME: "Holding on to Your Dream"
Hebrews 12:1-2

1. The First Session of the 109th Annual Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Mr. Joe McDuffie, Moderator, on Thursday, October 17, 1996, at 9:00 AM.
2. Mr. Chip Holden, Music Director, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy", accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Robertson, pianist, of Antioch Baptist Church.
3. Rev. Marion Powell, Pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church, used Luke 9:57-62 as the basis of his devotional message on "Holding on to Your Dream", and led in prayer.
4. Host Pastor, Rev. Marion Powell, welcomed those present, and announced that lunch would be served at the close of the morning session in their new Family Life Center. He reminded the group that there were steps everywhere in and out of the building and to be careful as they left the sanctuary. He had leaflets about the "Shoe Box" Ministry of Franklin Graham, and encouraged us to be a part of the Samaritan's Purse Ministry.
5. Moderator, Mr. Joe McDuffie, welcomed those present, and then called to order the 109th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.
6. Clerk, Miss Emilyn Wagner, called the roll of churches - 18 churches were represented. She recognized 17 clerks who sent their Church Profiles in, accurate and on time.
7. Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator, explained how the committee arrived at the theme and the program for this year, and then made a motion that we adopt for this 109th Session the program as printed - "Holding on to Your Dream". The motion was seconded by Grant Heinefield of Bethlehem Baptist Church, and it passed by voice vote.
8. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, recognized the new associational staff: Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Office Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and Mrs. Mary Ashe, Church and Community Ministries Director. The new pastor present was Rev. Charlie Fouche, Pastor of Mt. Herman Baptist Church. Rev. Goble welcomed all present for the Annual Meeting.
9. No visitors were present to be recognized so Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chairman of History Committee, read the history of Three Forks Baptist Church.

10. The Moderator announced there were some Associational Minutes from last year on the table. Anyone who did not get a copy may pick up one. Also he said a copy of the Curriculum Guide for the Bible Course we would like to start at the high school was on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Everyone who wished to see it was invited to do so.

11. The congregation sang the hymn "All Hail the Power" under the leadership of Mr. Chip Holden.

12. For special music, Mrs. Lori Marshall of East Taylorsville Baptist Church, sang "He Grew the Tree".

13. Dr. Michael Blackwell, Director of N. C. Baptist Children's Homes, gave a report of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

14. The Clerk, with help from Rev. and Mrs. Marion (Sylvia) Powell who lit candles, led the Memorial Service for those in our churches who had passed away during the past year. Rev. Powell led in prayer.

15. Mr. Joe McDuffie gave a report on the Executive Committee. The Committee is helping to raise money so the Bible Curriculum can be placed in Alexander Central High School as an elective course. A new roof was installed on the Association Office Building and other mechanical repairs were made. The Committee voted to fund \$2,000 for the Hispanic summer ministries.

16. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, a member of the committee, gave the report of the Budget/Finance Committee. He thanked the churches for their fine financial support during this year. Then Mr. Kerley moved for the adoption of the budget for 1996-97. It was seconded by Dr. Kenneth Walters, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, and passed by voice vote.

17. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, and moved that it be approved. The motion was seconded and it passed by voice vote.

18. Rev. Bill Goble, Jr., Interim Director of Missions, gave a report of his work:

"While serving during the past year, I have had the opportunity to work with pastors and leaders, and have visited all the churches at least twice, some several times. I appreciate having had the opportunity to speak in twelve of the twenty-one churches. In the future I plan to visit more with the pastors. Because they have a busy work schedule it is hard to make appointments with pastors so I plan to just drop in on them. I need to get to know the pastors and their families better. It will be helpful to let the pastors tell me how the Association can help the churches, and how the association and churches can work together. I want this Association to be a "Great Commission Association", and I want all the churches to be "Great Commission Churches", Matthew 28:19-20.

We need to be reminded of great things that happened in Matthew 16, 22 and 28:

1. The great confession of Peter, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

2. Jesus gave the great commandment, 'Thou shalt love the

Lord thy God with all thy hear, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.'

3. The Great Commission of our Lord, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach them all things I have commanded you. Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'

If we do these three things we will have a growing church, reaching out and reaching people for Christ in Alexander County and throughout the world. These three things should be the marching orders of every New Testament Church. I pledge my commitment to helping this Association and our churches to do what God has commanded us to do in the Great Commission.

During this year that I have worked in Alexander County, I appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation and unity. I want to recognize the leadership in the association who have contributed, cooperated, and given of themselves to Association Missions. All Mission Performance Directors are asked to stand. I want to express appreciation for these, and to the ones who could not be with us this morning. Twelve people make up the Association Council, along with the Clerk, Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Treasurer. All who served on any committee during the past year are asked to stand. Thank you very much for your cooperation, and to my wife who has also been very helpful.

We need to have a vision. 'Without a vision the people perish.' I have a vision of all our churches working together. Not all are doing that, I am sorry to say, but we need to work together to get the Good News of the Gospel to all in Alexander County, in North Carolina, in the United States, and into the world. Let me challenge you to work together. Some beautiful examples of this are the Hispanic Health Clinic, the Hispanic Evangelistic Rally, and the Associational Booth at the Alexander Fair and the Apple Festival. Mrs. Mary Ashe has taken care of the booths. She came on board August 5. She is sponsored by the N. C. Baptist State Convention as well as the churches in the Alexander Association. She is our Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director. How can your church become more involved in mission ministries in your community and in Alexander County? Invite Mrs. Ashe to visit your church and share some of her ideas with one or more groups, of any size. The Bible says in II Corinthians that "God has given to us the message and ministry of reconciliation." Let us reach out in the community to the people who are hurting and to those who need Jesus as Savior.

I want to reemphasize what Mr. Joe McDuffie said about the Bible Curriculum in the High School. Several have already sent in checks for this. We need to raise \$20,000.00 by November 15 to have two classes in the High School beginning January 11, 1997. The County Board of Education will hire the teacher. We will give the money to the Board of Education to pay the salary and to purchase the materials needed to teach the course. Often

we hear it said that God has been taken out of the schools. This is an opportunity to put Him back in the school. The Bible will be taught as literature, history and geography. Churches are challenged to make this a matter of prayer and to give to this program.

Also, please remember to pray for the three churches who are without pastors - Little River, Millersville and Taylorsville First Baptist, and for Pleasant Hill who will be without a pastor after November 10. He has been one of the most cooperative pastors, and we pray God's blessing on him as he leaves. Remember to pray for all our pastors and churches each day, asking Him to bless them as they reach people for Christ. God answers prayer if we pray.

The County Commissioners have asked me to be the coordinator in securing church histories to be printed in "The 150th Anniversary of Alexander County." About one hundred churches are in our county. Some have already sent their history in, and I appealed to the others to get their history in soon. The first review of the histories will be October 22. All church histories need to be in by the end of November. Our churches have made a profound impact on the history of Alexander County.

I would like to call attention to the Digest of Church Letters in the back of the "Book of Reports". Let's compare the totals for this year with last year's totals.

May God bless you as you serve Him, and as we work together in Associational Missions. I want the Great Commission of our Lord to be the driving force of our Association and, hopefully and prayerfully, a driving force in your churches."

19. Mr. Grant Heinefield, in the absence of Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Chairman of the Volunteer Selection Committee, presented the Volunteer Selection (formerly Nominating) Committee Report by calling attention to the ones not elected at the Spring Session and the addition of a Transportation Committee (to plan guidelines for the van). A motion was made by Mr. Heinefield to approve the report, Ms. Wanda Moore seconded it, and it passed by voice vote.

20. Mr. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn "Glorious is Thy Name".

21. Reports from the Mission Performance Council:

A. Mrs. Mary Ashe, Missions Development/Church and Community Ministries Director, reported that since beginning work in August, we have been doing things together. We developed a brochure of the Alexander Association churches and the plan of salvation. This was used at our fair booth. Many of you gave money for the hurricane relief and some took part in the "Chain-saw Brigade" to Wilmington. This Saturday at the Apple Festival, the Singles from East Taylorsville Baptist Church who made the Apple Cut Outs that contain the plan of salvation, will care for

the booth there.

The first class for training "Teaching English as a Second Language" will be offered at the Association Office on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, and November 8 and 9.

Mrs. Ashe made a motion that her report be adopted. Mr. Kenneth Kerley of Mt. Herman Baptist Church seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

B. Rev. David Giffin, of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, in the absence of Dr. Terry Ashe, Director, gave the Sunday School Report. He moved the acceptance of the report, Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

C. Mr. Grant Heinefield, in the absence of Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Director, gave the Discipleship Training Report, and moved that it be accepted. Rev. Gary Jennings, Pastor of East Taylorsville Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

D. Mrs. Pat Heinefield, the 1996-97 WMU Director, gave the WMU Report for Mrs. Kathryn Hutchens, out-going Director, and made a motion that the report be adopted. Rev. Marion Powell seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

E. Mr. Bob Brewington, Director, gave the Brotherhood Report, and made a motion that it be adopted. Dr. Mark Tilley, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

F. Mr. Chip Holden, Director, presented the Music Committee Report, and moved its adoption. Rev. Marion Powell seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

G. No one was present to give the Youth Report.

H. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Director, gave the Stewardship Council Report. Mr. Kerley moved the adoption of the report, it was seconded, and passed by voice vote.

I. Dr. Kenneth Walters, Director of the Seminary Extension Committee, gave emphasis and encouragement to the Bible Curriculum that has been suggested for the High School. He then gave the report of the Seminary Extension Committee. Little interest in taking a course has been found, but Rev. David Giffin is using some of the material in his teaching at the Alexander County Prison Camp, where he serves as a Chaplain. Dr. Walters moved the adoption of this report, Mrs. Pat Heinefield seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

22. The congregation sang the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" under the leadership of Mr. Chip Holden.

23. Mr. Fred Hutchens, Vice-Moderator 1996-97, in the absence of Dr. Edward Bolen, Chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee, reported:

SPRING SESSION: April 17, 1997, Bethlehem Baptist Church
FALL SESSION (Morning): October 23, Antioch Baptist Church
FALL SESSION (Evening): October 23, Lebanon Baptist Church

Mr. Hutchens moved the adoption of the report; Mr. Glenn Montgomery of Antioch Baptist Church, seconded the motion; and it passed by voice vote.

24. Miss Lucy Echerd, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee, presented the committee report. Rev. David Giffin seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

25. Mr. Joe McDuffie reported that Bethlehem Baptist Church gave the Association a nice van. The policies concerning the use of the van were presented in writing to the group. Rev. Marion Powell moved the adoption of the Van Policies. Rev. Keith Childers seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

26. Moderator, Mr. McDuffie, reported that we would like to change the Annual Association Meeting to the Thursday after the third Sunday in October. Dr. Kenneth Walters moved that this change be made. Dr. Mark Tilley seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

27. No one reported from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

28. Miscellaneous Business:

A. Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator, announced that we dedicate our minutes to those who have given capable leadership. This year we are recommending that the minutes be dedicated to two people who have given of their time, energy, and effort in such a magnificent way - one being our outgoing Moderator, Mr. Joe McDuffie, who has served two terms as our Moderator, two terms as Vice-Moderator and a member of Little River Baptist Church for about 41 years. All of us appreciate the good job Joe has done!

Also, we are asking that we place the name and photograph of Mrs. Kathryn Hutchens for dedication. Kathryn has served for nine years as our WMU Director and also has served at State level on the WMU Executive Board.

Rev. Powell recommended that we dedicate our Minutes for 1996 to Mr. Joe McDuffie and Mrs. Kathryn Hutchens. Rev. Gary Jennings seconded the motion, and it carried by raised hands. Rev. Powell then presented Mr. Joe McDuffie a plaque of appreciation. The congregation stood and applauded.

B. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, presented the Calendar of

Activities for our Association along with one for the State events, and moved its adoption. Mr. Kenneth Kerley from Mt. Herman Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

C. The DOM reported there was a need for the Association Council to meet 45 minutes before the Executive Committee. Rev. Goble moved that this be the future plans for the Association Council. Rev. Marion Powell seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

29. In the absence of Rev. Mark Robinette, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee, Rev. Bill Goble introduced the speaker, Rev. Milton Hollifield from the Evangelism Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Cary, NC.

30. Rev. Milton Hollifield, Director of the Division of Evangelism, has been assigned by the State Convention to work with the Alexander Association. In the Evangelism Division their purpose is to help associations and churches accomplish God's mission for that association, or church, in reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are a resource division enabling you to get your hands on several resources that you cannot afford to produce yourself. They try to help you develop plans that will help the association and churches to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave a list of things that can be secured from his office.

Rev. Hollifield gave a report of the recent Billy Graham Crusade in Charlotte, and thanked the churches for their part in work and prayers for it. The report of the work of the State Evangelism Division includes youth camps and the "Super Summer" at Carowinds. They have student evangelism teams that help with youth activities across the state. Their goal is to reach every household in the State of North Carolina by the year 2000 with a witness of Jesus Christ. He told of some of the plans they are working on for the future, including television, radio and video.

31. Mr. Joe McDuffie introduced Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, who will preach the Annual Sermon after the special music.

32. Special music "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was presented by Mrs. Lori Marshall, with Mrs. Brenda Robinson as the accompanist.

33. Rev. Keith Childers read Hebrews 2:1-2 as the basis of his message "Holding On To Your Dream". The scripture passage is "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, ...". He challenged the congregation to obey God's commands and to witness to those who have not accepted Christ as Savior.

34. The host pastor gave directions to the Family Life Center, and then led in prayer, including thanks for the food that was to be served for lunch.

SECOND SESSION - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TAYLORSVILLE

Thursday, October 17, 1996 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator, Presiding

35. The Second Session of the 109th Annual Meeting was presided over by Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator.

36. The Vice-Moderator introduced Rev. Rick Hayes and the African/American Choir from the churches of Alexander County, and then led in prayer.

37. The African/American Choir presented a 30 minute program of inspiring music.

38. Rev. Powell announced we would break with tradition of not taking an offering at the Association Meeting, and an offering would be taken to help with the expenses of the choir.

39. Rev. Albert Young, Host Pastor, welcomed those present. He then read verses from John 14 as the basis for his devotional thoughts, and led in prayer.

40. During the time for announcements:

A. Rev. Marion Powell gave a review of the Morning Session.

B. Rev. Powell announced that the Association Minutes for 1996 are being dedicated to Mrs. Kathryn Hutchens, who has served as Association WMU Director for nine years, and gave her a plaque. Mrs. Pat Heinefield, the 1996-97 WMU Director, presented Mrs. Hutchens a special WMU picture. Mrs. Hutchens gave a response to the honor she was receiving.

41. There were no visitors present, so Mrs. Florrie Kerley read the history of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

42. Mr. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" accompanied by Miss Lucy Echerd, organist from First Baptist Church.

43. Dr. Edward Bolen, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, collected pictures from churches in Alexander Association, made them into slides, and planned a presentation of the activities done by the local churches. In the absence of Dr. Bolen, Mrs. Mary Ashe gave the presentation.

44. Mrs. Shirley Lail, from Antioch Baptist Church, gave her testimony of a mission trip with a group from her church to New York, of which she was a part last summer.

45. The Vice-Moderator introduced the speaker, Dr. Thad Dowdle, Dean of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

46. Special music was presented by "The Mission Four Quartet", men who began singing together while on a mission trip to Brazil eighteen months ago. Craig Childers, Terry White, Barry Pennell and Jason Guyer sang "It is Well", "His Boundless Love", and "Sweet Beulah Land."

47. Dr. Thad Dowdle read Matthew 21:12-16 for the basis of his message, "God's Plan for His Household."

48. The closing prayer was for the installation of the officers of the Alexander Baptist Association for 1996-97.

49. Following the service refreshments were served by First Baptist Church in their Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilyn Wagner, Clerk

The purpose of the Alexander Baptist Association under the leadership of the Holy Spirit shall be to inspire and encourage unity among the member churches in a spirit of brotherly love and cooperation, to strengthen existing churches, to promote fellowship and to establish more New Testament churches. In keeping with the Great Commission it is the intent of this association to accomplish our purpose through Christian Education, Evangelism, and Christian Social Ministries through the local churches and in cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and other cooperative Baptist bodies.

CLERK'S REPORT

Thanks to the following clerks who completed their church letters accurately and returned them to the Association Office on time:

Miss Virginia Austin	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Miss Rachel Wagner	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Merle Brown	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Paul Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Donna H. Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Linda Clanton	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Linda Horton	-	Mountain Ridge Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mrs. Sandra Lowrance	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Mrs. Colleen Campbell	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Tootsie Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville, First Baptist Church
Mrs. Wanda Payne	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

A big thanks to all Clerks for keeping accurate records of regular and special activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the church you serve.

Sincerely,

Emilyn Wagner
ASSOCIATION CLERK

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

It has been a most enjoyable year for me since I was called as your Intentional Interim Director of Missions for a period of 2-1/2 years. My work began on October 1, 1995. In addition to my work in the office, it has been my pleasure to visit at least twice in all our churches - some three or four times and others five or six times, upon invitation, traveling a total of 4,377 miles! I appreciate the opportunity to speak in our churches - about 12 thus far. I have visited a number of pastors and plan to intensify my pastoral visitation and ministry in the coming months. I deeply appreciate and love our pastors. Let us pray that we may all see the need and necessity of working and praying together - to be on mission with God and for God - doing it together. We need one another! Let's work together! I feel that we are headed in the right direction as we face the 21st Century. This is evidenced by the ministries that we are doing cooperatively together. We have seen a beautiful increase in cooperation and unity this past year - TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

One of my primary responsibilities is to promote unity, harmony and cooperation among our churches and pastors. We seek to do that by offering training opportunities for key church leaders (i.e., Key Leadership Conference held September 30 with 12 churches represented). We also seek to promote unity and cooperation by developing local mission ministries whereby all our churches may get involved - to some degree this is being accomplished.

Three great things have taken place recently which are encouraging signs:

1. Bethlehem Church has donated to the Association their used 15 passenger Dodge Van primarily for the Hispanic Ministry, but also for other Associational Mission Ministry causes - thanks again, Bethlehem!
2. A Mini-Health Clinic - staffed by our church volunteers - who ministered the clinic and other volunteer churches that gave and served refreshments to the 300 to 400 Hispanic people at the Taylorsville Elementary School Soccer Field.
3. An Hispanic Evangelistic Rally at the Soccer Field - where about 300 to 400 Hispanics heard the gospel message by Hispanic preacher Herman Rios. A number of our churches were involved in this rally by providing food, drinks, etc. The gospel seed was planted. Pray for the salvation of the Hispanics in Alexander County.

Due to Mr. Hernandez' work schedule (12 hrs./night) and the neglect of his family, especially his teenage son and ten year old daughter as a result of his preparation of his Hispanic Bible Study, he resigned on October 4 as our Hispanic leader. We regret his resignation but we want to try to "resurrect" this Hispanic Ministry. Please remember this ministry in prayer that God will send us another good leader and give us wisdom as to how we can reach the Hispanic people among us for Christ.

In December, God sent to us a very capable, dedicated and efficient part-time Secretary/Treasurer, Bobbi Glass, member of First Baptist Church. Also, God has raised up for us Mary Ashe, a talented and committed Christian who is our part time Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director. Her mission is to help the churches and people to become involved in local missions ministry. Please invite her to your church to assist you in your mission needs.

What drives your church? The engine of an auto drives it? Does tradition, personality, pastor, finances, programs, buildings, events, seekers, drive your church? Why not try the Great Commission of our Lord? - Matthew 28:19-20. What is your purpose for being? Absolutely nothing will revitalize a discouraged church faster than re- discovering its purpose. Changed lives are a church's greatest advertisement. The word gets around when the church is baptizing new believers. The church must give people something they can get nowhere else. Church growth is a natural result of the healthy church. FIVE facets that evoke church growth are: Worship, Evangelism, Discipleship, Ministry, Fellowship.

Is your church a Purpose Driven (Great Commission) Church?

Pray for me as I try to lead our Association. God bless all of you!

Bill Goble

INTENTIONAL INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

On May 28, 1996 the Alexander Associational Stewardship Conference was held at Harry Gant's Steakhouse in Taylorsville. It was led by Mr. Ken Batts, from the Stewardship Department of the State Baptist Convention. There were seven churches represented.

On Monday, September 30, 1996 in conjunction with seven other Key Leadership Associational Conferences held at Mt. Herman Baptist Church, the Key Leadership Stewardship Conference was held. This conference was led by Rev. Wayne Riddle of Statesville. Six churches were represented with ten people attending.

Looking ahead, plans have already been made for next year's Associational Stewardship Conference to be held on May 22, 1997 at Harry Gant's Steakhouse. Further details will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL REPORT

The Media Library is here to serve its Association Churches. We are constantly updating material and searching for books and videos that we feel would be of interest to your church groups, committees, classes and individual members. A current list is kept of videos to choose from.

A few items recently ordered that we are excited about are a series of seven (7) tapes by Dr. James Dobson entitled "Life on the Edge". Titles include: "Emotions: Can You Trust Them?", "Pornography: Addictive, Progressive and Deadly", "Love Must Be Tough", "The Myth of Safe Sex", "The Keys to a Lifelong Love" and others. Also available with this series is a new book entitled "Life on the Edge" - A Young Adult's Guide to a Meaningful Future, by Dr. James Dobson.

COME CHECK OUT YOUR MEDIA LIBRARY!

Respectfully submitted,

MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL

Resolution Committee Report

We, the messengers to the 1996 Fall Session of the Alexander Baptist Association, hereby resolve:

We are grateful to God our Father for His love and for His guiding hand upon us through another year.

We express thanks for the leadership of the Moderator and the Director of Missions. We appreciate the ever-faithful Clerk, Emilyn Wagner. We welcome Dr. Mary Ashe as Missions Development Director.

We were blessed by the hospitality of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for the Spring meeting, and Three Forks and Taylorsville Baptist for the Fall session.

We have been uplifted by the messages of the program personalities, and appreciate the work of the planning committee.

We leave here challenged to pray more, work more and give more to reach the world for Christ in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Echerd, Martha Hines & Marion Powell



ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1996-1997 CALENDAR

(Tentative Schedule)

NOVEMBER 1996

- 1 - 2 English as a Second Language (ESL), ABA Office
11/1 & 11/8-5:30-6:30P Supper/Class 6:30-9:30P
- 8 - 9 English as a Second Language (ESL), ABA Office
11/2 & 11/9-B/fast 7:30A/Class 8:00A-Noon
(You must attend both weekends to receive credit)
- 3 - 9 Royal Ambassador Week
- 4 - 6 Baptist Secretaries Retreat, Ridgecrest
- 6 Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
- 7 Brotherhood Leadership Workshop, Millersville Church
7-9 PM, Baptist Men & Royal Ambassadors
- 11 - 13 NC Baptist State Convention-Greensboro
- 17 - 20 Foreign Mission Study in our Churches
- 17 American Bible Society Day in our Churches
- 28 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

DECEMBER 1996

- 1 - 8 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering in our Churches
- 8 Foreign Mission Day in our Sunday Schools
- 11 Pastors/Wives/Staff Conferences, ABA 9AM or Christmas Banquet
- 25 Christmas Day - Office Closed 24th thru 26th

JANUARY 1997

- 1 Winter Bible Study in our Churches - (Ephesians)
- 1 New Year's Day - Office Closed
- 2 Secretaries Fellowship, Hidden Crystal Inn - Noon
- 5 Assn WMU Council Planning Meeting, ABA 3PM
- 8 Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
- 16 Assn Council, ABA 6:15 PM
- Executive Committee, ABA 7PM
- 25 Deacons/Spouse Training/Hiddenite/4-6P Supper/Class 6-9P
- 26 Baptist Men's Day in our Churches
- 28 General Board Meeting
- 31 - Feb. Baptist Men's Convention, Greensboro

FEBRUARY 1997

3 - 4	Statewide Evangelism Conference
2 - 9	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
9	Race Relations Day
10	Valentine's Banquet for Pastors/Wives/Staff sponsored by Assn WMU
9 - 15	Focus on WMU
12	Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
13	Secretaries Fellowship, ABA - Noon
16	Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day Emphasis
16 - 19	Home Mission Study in our Churches
20	Assn Evangelism Event
22	RA Race Car Derby
23	Volunteers in Missions Day

MARCH 1997

2 - 9	Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
9	Home Missions Day in our Churches
12	Pastor/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
9 - 10	Youth Week
14 or 15	State VBS Clinic(s) West
15	Associational Youth Night
17	Mountain Evangelism Conference
21 - 22	Challenger Convention
21 - 23	WMU Missions Extravaganza (Annual Meeting) Ridgecrest

APRIL 1997

6	Assn Bible Drills
6	Assn WMU Council Meeting, ABA 3PM
9	Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
10	Assn Council, ABA 6:15 PM
	Executive Committee, ABA 7PM
11 - 12	ASSISTraining Institute (ATI), First Baptist Black Mtn. Lodging:Fairfield Inn
12	Lad/Crusader Congresses
15	Church Building Conference
17	Spring Meeting of the Association 7PM

20	Cooperative Program Day
24	Assn VBS Clinic
18 & 25	State Youth Bible Drills
26	State Children's Bible Drills (5 locations)
21 - 26	Baptist Doctrine Study

MAY 1997

1	National Day of Prayer
4	Senior Adult Day in our Churches
4 - 11	Christian Home Week in our Churches
11	Mother's Day
12 - 13	Key Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest
14	Pastors/Wives Conference, ABA 9AM
17	State Crusaders/Challengers Track Meet
20 - 21	General Board (BSC) Meeting
19 - 25	Assn Mission Emphasis Week
29	Assn Stewardship Conference Dinner Meeting
	Gant Steakhouse 6PM
30 - 31	WMU Assn Leadership Team Training, Camp Mundo Vista

JUNE 1997

1	Religious Liberty Sunday in our Churches
9 - 12	Youth Evangelism Spring Fling, Caswell
11	No Pastors/Wives Conference
13 - 15	Single Adult Evangelism Conference, Caswell
15	Father's Day
15 - 16	WMU Annual Meeting (SBC), Dallas TX
17 - 19	Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas TX
23 - 27	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
29	Christian Citizenship Day in our Churches
30 - July 4	Mundo Vista Summer Camp

JULY 1997

	Ridgecrest and NC Baptist Camps Month
4	Independence Day - Office Closed
6	WMU Quarterly Planning Meeting, ABA 3PM
9	No Pastors/Wives Conference

11 - 12	WMU Assn Leadership Team Training, Caraway
17	Assn Council, ABA 6:15 PM
	Executive Committee, ABA 7PM
18 - 19	WMU Assn Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
24 - 25	SUPER SUMMER 97 - Youth Crusade, Carowinds
25 - 27	Bivocational Ministers/Spouses Conference

AUGUST 1997

3	Day of Prayer for World Peace in our Churches
8 - 9	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
10	Language Missions Day in our Churches
13	No Pastors/Wives Conferences
22 - 23	Assn Discipleship Supporters Update, Caraway

SEPTEMBER 1997

1	Labor Day - Office Closed
5 - 6	Equipping Today's Church (ETC), Ridgecrest
7	Single Adult Day in our Churches
9	New Minister Orientation, Cary
10	Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
11	Sunday School Graded Training Event
14 - 21	Week of Prayer for State Missions and the NC Missions Offering
15	WMU Leadership Training
21	Biblical Recorder Day
23	Key Leadership Conference
30 - Oct. 1	General Board Meeting (NCBSC)

OCTOBER 1997

	Cooperative Program Month/Stewardship Emphasis
3 - 4	Music Leadership Training Retreat, Caraway
5	WMU Quarterly Planning, ABA 3PM
8	Pastors/Wives Conferences, ABA 9AM
10 - 11	Deacon/Spouse Leadership Conference, Caraway
10 - 12	RA/Challengers Training
12	World Hunger Day
23	ANNUAL SESSION - Morning: Antioch Evening: Lebanon
24 - 25	WMU Specialized Workers Training, Caraway

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OCTOBER 1996

Cooperative Program Month/Stewardship Emphasis

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| 1 - 2 | Regional Evangelism Conferences |
| 2 - 4 | Chaplains' Conference, Caraway Conference Center |
| 3 - 4 | Regional Evangelism Conferences |
| 4 - 5 | Volunteer Music Directors' Retreat, Caraway Conference Center |
| 4 - 5 | Equipping Today's Church, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell) |
| 4 - 5 | Lad/Crusader Training |
| 5 - 6 | Challengers Training, Caraway Conference Center |
| 7 | Regional Evangelism Conference |
| 7 - 8 | Senior Adult Choir Festival |
| 8 | Regional Evangelism Conference |
| 8 | Fruitland, Fall Quarter begins |
| 9 | Regional Evangelism Conference |
| 9 - 11 | Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center |
| 10 - 11 | Regional Evangelism Conferences |
| 11 - 12 | Deacon/Spouse Leadership Training, Caraway Conference Center |
| 11 - 13 | NC Creative Arts Festival/"Curtain Call" |
| 13 | World Hunger Day |
| 14 - 16 | Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center |
| 16 - 18 | Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center |
| 18 - 19 | RA Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds |
| 18 - 19 | Deacon/Spouse Leadership Training, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell) |
| 18 - 20 | Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway Conference Center |
| 21 | Regional Evangelism Conference |
| 21 - 23 | Christian Money Management Workshop, Caraway Conference Center |
| 22 - 25 | Regional Evangelism Conferences |
| 25 - 26 | 8th Annual Conference on Chemical Dependency, Caraway Conf. Center |
| 28 | Bible Drill Leaders/Judges Training (2 locations) |
| 29 | Bible Drill Leaders/Judges Training (2 locations) |

NOVEMBER 1996

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| 3 - 9 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 4 - 6 | CWT Seminar |
| 4 - 6 | NC Southern Baptist Secretaries Association Conference - place to be announced |
| 10 - 17 | Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Home |
| 11 - 13 | Baptist State Convention |
| 15 - 17 | Fall Youth Evangelism Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell) |
| 17 - 20 | Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions |
| 28 - 29 | Thanksgiving Holidays, Baptist Building closed |

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DECEMBER 1996

1 - 8	Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
4 - 6	Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
6 - 7	Coed Missions (Youth), Ridgecrest Conference Center
9 - 11	Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
11 - 13	Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
25 - 27	Christmas Holidays, Baptist Building closed
27	Challengers Overseas Mission Trip
31 - Jan. 1	New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

JANUARY 1997

31-Jan. 1	New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
1	New Year's Day Holiday (BSC Offices closed)
3-4	Lay Witness Training Conference
6-7	Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
7-8	Associational/Staff Planning Retreat, Baptist Bldg., Cary
9-10	Vocational Evangelists Conference, Caraway Conference Center
10-11	Trustee Orientation
13-15	NC Baptist Music Conference, Caraway Conference Center
17-18	Christian Money Management Seminar, Caraway Conference Center
24-25	WMU Executive Board, Cary
24-26	Volunteer BSU Retreat
25	Student Summer Ministry Application Deadline
26	Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
27	NC Baptist Singers' Concert, First Church, Cary
28	Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
28	Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
28	General Board Meeting
30-31	Professional Preschool and Children Ministers Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
31-Feb. 2	NC Baptist Men's Convention, Greensboro

FEBRUARY 1997

1	Deadline for Church Applications for Youth Corps
2-9	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
3	Partners In Evangelism
3-4	Statewide Evangelism Conference

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5	Reaching the Cities Strategy Planning Conference
7-9	Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
8	Lay Witness Foundation Board
9	Race Relations Sunday
9-15	Focus on WMU
11-13	In-office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
13-17	Life Support Overview and Facilitator Training
16	Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day Emphasis
16-19	Home Mission Study
17,18,20	Smaller Membership Church Pastor-Led Sunday School Revival Training
21-22	Interview for Summer Missions, Caraway
21-22	Youth Choir/Instrumental Festivals, Wake Forest University and College Park Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
23	Volunteers in Missions Day
24-27	Youth Minister's Continuing Education Retreat, Beach Cove Resort, North Myrtle Beach
27	Eastern N. C. Baptist Catholic Dialogue
27-28	VBS Clinics (2 eastern locations)
28-Mar. 1	Adult Handbell Festivals East - Meredith College, Raleigh Central - Wingate University, Wingate West - Biltmore Baptist Church, Asheville

MARCH 1997

2-9	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Home Missions
4	VBS Clinic (Piedmont)
7-8	Language Pastors' Conference, Caraway Conference Center
7-8	Disciplemaking Institute, Small Groups & Your Church, Caraway Conference Center
11	New Minister Orientation, Cary
11-13	In-office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
14-15	NC Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
14-15	Youth Handbell Festivals Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte
14-15	VBS Clinics (2 western locations)
17	NC Baptist Singers' Concert, First Church, Goldsboro
17	Fellowship Breakfast for Partners In Evangelism
21-22	Challengers Convention
21-22	"Right Choices" Youth Leader Training
21-23	WMU Missions Extravaganza (Annual Meeting), Ridgecrest
22	Recreation Ministry Workshop, Providence Church, Charlotte

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22	Recreation Ministry Workshop, First Church, Cary
23	Start-A-Church Commitment Sunday
24-26	Introduction of Revised <u>Masterlife</u>
28	Easter Holiday (BSC offices closed)

APRIL 1997

4-6	BSU Spring Conference, Caraway
7-9	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
9	Bible Drill Registrations Due to Baptist State Convention
10-13	Intentional Disciplemaking Conference, Spartanburg, SC
11	Church Orientation - WITNESS, Caraway Conference Center
11-12	Church Accompanist Extravaganza, Wingate University
11-12	ASSISTraining Institute West and East (simultaneously)
11-12	Interfaith Witness Seminar, Caraway Conference Center
11-13	Spring Fling I, North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
11-13	Spring International Student Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
12	Lad/Crusader Congresses
14-15	NC Baptist Ministers'/Laymen's Golf Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
14-16	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
15	Church Building Conference
15-17	In-office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
18	State Youth Bible Drills and State Youth Speakers Tournaments (2 Locations)
18-19	Disaster Relief Expo
18-20	Spring Fling II, North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
18-20	Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
19	State Children's Bible Drills (5 Locations)
20	Cooperative Program Day/Stewardship Emphasis
21	NC Baptist Singers' Concert, First Church, Bessemer City
21-23	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
24	Smaller Membership Church Sunday School Revival Consultant Training
24-25	Bible Teaching Reaching Growth Consultant Training
25	State Youth Bible Drills and State Youth Speakers Tournaments (2 Locations)
25-27	State Media Library Workshop, Caraway Conference Center
25-27	Single Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
25-27	Spring Fling Retreat III, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
26	State Children's Bible Drills (5 Locations)
26	Camp Mundo Vista Preparation Day
27	EarthStewards Sunday
28-30	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

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MAY 1997

2	Fellowship Breakfast for Partners In Evangelism, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
2-3	Eastern NC Evangelism Workshop, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
2-3	Lay Renewal Gathering, Caraway Conference Center
2-3	WMU Executive Board, Camp Mundo Vista
2-4	Blind Fellowship Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
3	Correctional Ministry Conference
3	Finalist Youth Speakers' Tournament and Finalist Youth Bible Drill
3	Lay Witness Foundation Board, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
4-11	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for North Carolina Baptist Hospital
5-6	Key Leadership, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
8-9	Senior Adult Leadership Conference, Caraway Conference Center
9-10	Children On the Grow '97, Caraway Conference Center
10	Gardner-Webb University Graduation
10	Wingate University Graduation
11	Meredith College Graduation
12	Campbell University Graduation
12-13	Key Leadership, Ridgecrest
12-14	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center
12-14	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
14-16	Senior Adult Spring Conference, Caraway Conference Center
16-18	Deaf Teacher/Interpreter Conference, Caraway Conference Center
16-18	Spring Fling IV, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
17	Chowan College Graduation
17	State Crusaders/Challengers Track Meet
17	Recreation Ministry Workshop, Calvary Church, Winston-Salem
18	Mars Hill College Graduation
19	NC Baptist Singers' Concert, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
19	Wake Forest University Graduation
19-21	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
20	Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs Meeting
20	Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting
20-21	General Board Meeting
23-25	Couples Spring Break, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
23-25	Deaf Youth Retreat, Camp Caraway
26-28	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
30-31	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Camp Mundo Vista
31-June 1	State BSU Committees Workshop

JUNE 1997

1-5	Student Summer Ministry Orientation, Meredith College
7	Caraway Staff Training begins

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8	Christian High Adventure begins
9-12	Spring Youth Evangelism Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
13-15	Single Adult Evangelism Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
14-20	Church Music Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest
15-16	WMU, SBC Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas
16-20	Mundo Vista Summer Camp for girls
16-20	Truett Camp, Girls Week
16-20	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
16-21	Youth Evangelism Week I, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
17-19	Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas
20-22	Western Happiness Retreat, Truett Camp
23-27	Mundo Vista Summer Camp
23-27	Truett Camp, Girls Week
23-27	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
23-28	Youth Conference I, North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
24-25	In-office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
28-July 4	WMU Week, Ridgecrest
30-July 2	RA Father/Son Mini-Camp, Camp Caraway
30-July 4	Mundo Vista Summer Camp
30-July 4	Week of Christian Study, Mars Hill College
30-July 5	Youth Conference II, North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

JULY 1997

3-5	RA Father/Son Mini-Camp, Camp Caraway
4	July 4th Holiday (BSC offices closed)
6-11	Truett Camp, Music Week
7-11	Mundo Vista Summer Camp
7-11	Family Fun and Focus Week #1, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
7-11	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
7-12	Youth Evangelism Week II, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
7-12	Western Area Youth Conference, Mars Hill College
11-12	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway Conference Center
14-18	Mundo Vista Summer Camp
14-18	Family Fun and Focus Week #2, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
14-18	Truett Camp, Boys Week
14-18	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
14-19	Youth/Adult Music Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
18-19	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
21-25	Mundo Vista Summer Camp

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21-25	Family Fun and Focus Week #3, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
21-25	Truett Camp, Boys Week
21-25	RA Summer Camp, Camp Caraway
21-26	World Missions Week, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
24-25	SUPER SUMMER 97 - Youth Crusade - Carowinds
25-27	Bivocational Ministers/Spouses Conference
26	Church Weekday Education Workshop, Charlotte
28-Aug. 1	Mundo Vista Summer Camp
28-Aug. 1	Children's Choir Camp, Wingate University
28-Aug. 1	RA Summer Camp, Caraway
28-Aug. 2	Youth Conference III, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

AUGUST 1997

4-8	Families with Special Needs Week, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
4-8	RA Summer Camp, Caraway
4-9	Youth Conference IV, N C Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
8-9	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway Conference Center
10	Language Missions Day
11-13	Happiness Retreat 1, Caraway Conference Center and Camp
11-16	Children's Choir Camp, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
12	Church Treasurer Accounting Conference, West
13	Church Treasurer Accounting Conference, Piedmont
13-15	Happiness Retreat 2, Caraway Conference Center and Camp
14	Church Treasurer Accounting Conference, East
15-16	Lay Witness Foundation Annual Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
17-18	Debriefing Student Summer Ministries, Caraway Conference Center
18-20	Staff Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
18-22	Senior Adult Conference by the Sea, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
22-23	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
22-23	Associational Discipleship Supporters Update, Caraway Conference Center
25-26	Volunteer Chaplains Conference, Caraway Conference Center
25-27	State Stewardship Seminar, Caraway Conference

SEPTEMBER 1997

1	Labor Day Holiday (BSC offices closed)
5-6	Equipping Today's Church, Ridgecrest
5-6	Music Leadership Training Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
8-10	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
9	New Minister Orientation, Cary

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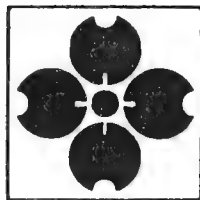
9-11	In-office Days, General Board Staff, Cary
12-13	NC Baptist Men's Board Meeting
12-13	Caraway I, Sunday School Leadership Training
14-21	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for North Carolina Missions
15-16	NC Baptist Singers' Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
15-17	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
16	Stewardship Preaching-Leading Conference, West
17	Stewardship Preaching-Leading Conference, Piedmont
17-21	Intentional Disciplemaking Leadership Training, Raleigh
18	Stewardship Preaching-Leading Conference, East
19-20	Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds
19-20	Caraway II, Sunday School Leadership Training
19-20	WMU Executive Board, Camp Mundo Vista
19-21	Mountain Director of Missions Conference, Truett Camp
19-21	Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
21	Biblical Recorder Day
22-24	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
26-27	Equipping Today's Church, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
26-28	Baptist Student Convention, Ridgecrest
27-28	Youth Ministry Council Planning Retreat, Ridgecrest
29-Oct. 1	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
30	Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
30	Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
30-Oct. 1	General Board Meeting

OCTOBER 1997

	Cooperative Program Month/Stewardship Emphasis
2-4	Experiencing God Conference, Brookwood Church, Burlington
3-4	Music Leadership Training Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
6-7	Senior Adult Choir Festival
6-8	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
6-8	Senior Adult Fall Conference, Caraway Conference Center
8-10	Chaplains' Conference, Caraway Conference Center
10-11	Deacon/Spouse Leadership Conference, Caraway Conference Center
10-12	RA/Challengers Training
10-12	NC Creative Ministries Festival - "Curtain Call"-Snyder Memorial, Fayetteville
11	"Renew Your Worship" Workshop-Robert Webber, Greensboro
11-19	International Student Conference, Ridgecrest
12	World Hunger Day

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13	"Renew Your Worship" Workshop-Robert Webber, Cary
13-15	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center
13-15	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
14	Church Building Conference
15-17	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway Conference Center
17-18	Deacon/Spouse Leadership Conference, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
17-18	Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
17-18	Spiritual Awakening Conference for Evangelism
17-19	Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
17-19	Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
18	"Renew Your Worship" Workshop-Robert Webber, Asheville
19	Bivocational Ministries Sunday
20	"Renew Your Worship" Workshops-Robert Webber, Charlotte
20-22	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
20-22	Christian Money Management Seminar, Caraway Conference Center
20,21,23	Pastor-Sunday School Directors Dialogue Tour
24-25	WMU Specialized Workers Training, Caraway Conference Center
24-26	Coastal Fall Youth Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
25	"Renew Your Worship" Workshop-Robert Webber, Wilmington
27	NC Baptist Singers' Concert
27-29	Cooperative Special Worker Training, Caraway Conference Center
27-29	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
29-31	Coastal Golf Retreat, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell)
31-Nov. 1	Bridging the Gaps, Substance Abuse Conference, Caraway Conference Center



**BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
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HISTORY OF MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

New Prospect Church was located on a beautiful hillside where members first held services in a brush arbor. The name was changed to Mt. Olive Baptist Church, which was organized in April of 1865 by members who came from Little River Baptist Church and Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

The first church building was made of logs, with split log benches for pews and a fireplace at each end of the building. A frame building was completed in 1893. The Alexander Baptist Association held its first meeting in the new church in 1894.

The church had evidently been strict in discipline and had undoubtedly exercised a good influence in the community.

The church building was remodeled and bricked in 1954 and an educational building added in 1964. Since then, improvement has been made which includes a Baptistery, fellowship hall, and a library.

In 1985 there was an A-frame roof constructed replacing the flat roof over the educational building. Also a handicap/convenient ramp has been constructed to the west side of the church.

In February 1986, the Young Adults Reach-Out Group was formed with the main objectives of witnessing, meeting needs in the community, and fellowship. The Reach-Out Group have two miles of Mt. Olive Church Road adopted to keep clean. They have received several certificates of appreciation from the governor of N.C. for their work in the "Adopt-A-Highway" program. They have also landscaped the church grounds with new shrubbery and flowers.

In 1989, Mt. Olive raised money to help send Karen Deal Shore on a two-week missions trip to Brazil with the NC/Sao Paulo Partnership.

On November 13, 1990, Mt. Olive received a certificate from the Baptist State Convention of N.C. in observance of the church's 125th anniversary.

In April 1991 Mt. Olive Baptist Church began a program to remodel their sanctuary. This project was completed in January 1992. This project included new carpet, stained glass windows, painting, and pew pads.

In 1996 a recreation area was begun with swings, volleyball area, horseshoes and picnic tables for the church and community. Also in 1996, the front of the church was remodeled with a new wall, sidewalks, steps, lighting, and handicap parking.

Many pastors have served Mt. Olive over the years, a few are: Ernest Bumgarner, Otto Johnson, Herman Johnson, Atwell Watts, Wade Rogers, Wade Miller, Guy Rogers, Grady Kerley, Bill Nicholson, and Tony Land. In January 1985, Doug Foster became the pastor of Mt. Olive. He is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute, and currently serves Mt. Olive faithfully.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church celebrates their heritage each year with a old-fashioned day held in the Fall of the year. Church members dress in clothes of long ago and some come to church riding horses.

Deacons at Mt. Olive are Woodrow Fortner, Maynard Childers, Lindsay Deal and Sam Wike. Sunday School director is Charles Lowrance; Music director is Steve Childers and church secretary/treasurer/clerk/pianist is Mrs. Sandra Lowrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley, Chairman
HISTORY COMMITTEE

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Thursday, April 18, 1996 - 7:00 P.M.**

THEME: "One Master - One Message - One Mission"

1. The Spring Session of the 109th year of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Mr. Joe McDuffie, Moderator.
2. Mr. Joe McDuffie welcomed those present. He then had a moment of silent prayer for Rev. Marion Powell, Vice-Moderator, who was in the hospital, and for the victims in the Oklahoma Bombing a year ago, and then led in prayer.
3. Mr. Chip Holden, Association Music Director, led the congregation in singing 'Praise and Worship Choruses': "Because He Lives", "Let's Just Praise the Lord", "We Have Come into His House", "There's Something About that Name", and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".
4. The Moderator asked that those on the program come to the front as listed.
5. Mrs. Sandra Lowrance from Mt. Olive Baptist Church presented special music entitled "Saved by the Hands" and "Higher Than I've Ever Been."
6. The Youth, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ashe of Hiddenite Baptist Church, presented a drama - "People Need the Lord."
7. Mr. Jamie Steele, Association Youth Director, reported that some youth had an opportunity to be involved with repairing and painting a mobile home - five families with special needs have already used it. Also, some of our youth went to Valley Hills Mall to witness - the girls went on a Friday night and the boys went on a Saturday night. He also reported that the Youth Committee is planning a party for all youth on April 26 after the baseball game in the gym at Alexander Central High School.
8. Rev. Doug Foster, Host Pastor, welcomed the group. He read Matthew 11:28 as a basis for his devotional thoughts, and then led in prayer.
9. During the Business Period:
 - a. Miss Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches. There were 16 churches represented, with a total attendance of 99.

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Association. We need to think about the theme: "One Master - One Message - One Mission." It's very independent, but they are also interdependent. We need to work together in this part of God's Kingdom - Alexander County.

We sent out a survey, three copies to each church. One survey went to the pastor, one to the Chairman of Deacons, and one to a key layperson. Nine churches responded - six pastors responded. They were to list unmet mission needs in the area. You would be surprised at the unmet needs they listed. We have a VCR and a television in the Association Office that churches may use. We have a whole shelf full of videos on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and State Missions that can be used in programs.

Another thing we plan to do is to work on having a Bible Curriculum in the high school. We need the community and churches to come together to fund this. We must have a Certified Teacher who is to be paid at State level salary. Mr. Robert Austin, Supt. of Alexander County Schools, feels that the school should make a survey of students in the high school and of those students coming in next year, to see if enough students would be interested in participating in a Bible Survey Course. This is being done but we do not have the results yet. You need to decide what your church will do to help with this. North Carolina is 53% unchurched so it is no longer considered a Christian state. We need to pray about this. Rev. Goble asked that we give the authority to the Moderator to appoint a committee to begin work on getting the cooperation of churches and businesses to help get the Bible Curriculum in the high school.

Dr. Kenneth Walters made a motion that the Moderator appoint a Steering Committee to work on the Bible Curriculum for Alexander Central High School. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Rev. Goble reported that we have a Spanish Ministry going. Mr. Mike Hernandez, the leader, cannot be here because he works a 12 hour shift tonight. One faithful Hispanic family and a few others are meeting for Bible study each week. On Sunday afternoons many Hispanics gather at the Taylorsville Elementary School playground. Please pray that we can reach many of them for Christ.

11. Mr. Chip Holden reminded us of the Association Music Camp to be held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church on June 17-21. He encouraged children from all churches to participate.

12. The congregation sang the hymn, "How Great Thou Art", under the director of Mr. Chip Holden, with Mrs. Sandra Lowrance, pianist.

Spring Session - 4/18/96

13. Special music - "City Called Glory" and "For Those Tears I Died" - was presented by Mrs. Crystal Belcher and Mrs. Vicki Smith who are sisters from Grace Baptist Church.

14. Mission Testimonies:

a. Associational Hispanic Mission Ministry report was made by Mr. Mike Hernandez by video, since he was unable to be here tonight.

b. Mr. Noah Lail, Brotherhood Director of Bethlehem Baptist Church, gave a report of some of the activities and mission projects done by the Brotherhood members of his church in recent years.

c. Ms. Virginia Austin of Antioch Baptist Church, reported on a mission ministry in Elmira, New York.

d. Miss Jennifer Robinson of Three Forks Baptist Church, reported on a youth trip to Los Angeles working with homeless people. There were 20 youth and adults in the group.

e. Mr. Dallas Dolle, a layman from Mt. Herman Baptist Church, reported on a trip to the Ukraine through the Ukraine Partnership of the N C State Brotherhood Department. He helped with building a church.

f. The youth of Hiddenite Baptist Church have been active in mission projects nearby, in Statesville, and in Tennessee. Mrs. Mary Ashe, their director, made the report.

g. Rev. David Giffin, Chaplain at the Alexander Prison Unit, gave a report of his work. There have been 14 professions of faith since he became Chaplain in August of 1995.

15. Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, led the closing commitment service by candlelight. Each person can let their light shine in a dark world.

16. Rev. Doug Foster gave directions to the Fellowship Hall, and then led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilyn Wagner
CLERK

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our 1994-1995 Associational Mission Receipts from 19 of our 21 churches showed \$54,261.14. The record for this past year 1995-1996 was that 19 of 21 churches gave \$53,243.29 - a loss of \$1,017.85.

For 1995-1996:

- 3 churches gave the same
- 2 churches gave nothing
- 7 churches increased their gifts
- 9 churches decreased their gifts

Contributions from our churches this year have been "channeled" to needful and useful ministries such as the upgrading of our Association Office with a new roof, vinyl wrap, central air and media library update with videos useful for our churches.

We also employed Mike Hernandez for Hispanic Ministry, Mary Ashe as our Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director, and Bobbi Glass as our Secretary-Treasurer. We appointed a committee to implement a Bible Study Course at Alexander Central High School. A Mini-Health Clinic and an Evangelistic Rally for Hispanics were held during the summer at the local soccer field with about 400 attending. We transferred \$56,000 from the General Fund to a Certificate of Deposit, now earning 5.36% interest. Bethlehem Baptist Church donated a 15 passenger van to the association. NOTE: A \$1,000 line item for Transportation is in our proposed budget for this coming year.

We believe that our Associational Missions Ministries are moving forward. We have accomplished some goals in our proposed budget that we hope will encourage our churches to increase their financial support and their level of giving so we collectively and cooperatively can better carry out our Lord's Great Commission. We believe that Associational Missions is now getting on the right track.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1996 - 1997**

<u>Salaries & Benefits</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
Hispanic Ministry	\$.00	\$ 866.66
CCM Director - Mary Ashe	.00	2,600.00
Association Secretary/Treasurer	9,100.00	9,464.00
Secretary Insurance	.00	2,118.00
FICA Taxes	700.00	2,340.00
Director of Missions: Salary	12,000.00	1,970.00
Utilities/Housing	.00	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital)	.00	5,230.00
Annuity	.00	.00
<u>Operation Expenses</u>		
Utilities	1,750.00	2,500.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	1,400.00	700.00
General Supplies (Office Expenses)	850.00	2,500.00
Printing	150.00	1,500.00
Postage & Box Rental	1,600.00	1,800.00
Repairs & Maintenance	750.00	750.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Worker's Comp., etc.)	775.00	900.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	300.00
Conferences & Seminars	600.00	800.00
Conventions (Director of Missions)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Travel (Director of Missions)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Flowers	125.00	125.00
Media Center	300.00	500.00
<u>Ministry Expenses</u>		
Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.)	400.00	400.00
Brotherhood	200.00	250.00
Discipleship Training	200.00	300.00
Evangelism	200.00	200.00
Missions Development	200.00	1,500.00
Music	400.00	400.00
Seminary Extension	250.00	250.00
Sunday School	300.00	300.00
Vacation Bible School	300.00	300.00
Woman's Missionary Union	900.00	900.00
Youth	400.00	400.00
Mission Projects	10,000.00	10,000.00
Contingency Fund	12,000.00	11,000.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 61,200.00	\$ 74,163.66

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT for

October 1, 1995 - September 30, 1996

Savings as of September 30, 1996.....	\$ 2,366.14
Association Office Relocation Fund as of Sept. 30, 1996.....	2,540.21
Certificate of Deposit.....	56,000.00

Balance on Hand October 1, 1995.....	51,431.17
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	53,243.29
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	4,905.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$109,579.73

Disbursements from Budget Funds.....	\$ 48,587.33
Transfer Funds to FUNB Certificate of Deposit on 6/21/96.....	56,000.00
Disbursement of Designated Funds (Pastor/Staff Conf).....	10.12
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$105,097.45

BALANCE ON HAND September 30, 1996.....	\$ 4,640.20
Less Designated Funds	17.29
Balance on Hand General Fund	\$ 4,622.91

RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....	\$ 4,036.49	Millersville.....	\$ 1,800.00
Bethlehem.....	3,400.00	Mt. Herman.....	3,839.00
Beulah.....	.00	Mt. Olive.....	200.00
Calvary.....	.00	Mountain Ridge.....	700.83
East Taylorsville.....	1,330.00	Pilgrim.....	430.00
Grace.....	2,467.29	Three Forks.....	4,000.00
Hiddenite.....	2,000.00	Pleasant Hill.....	2,700.00
Lebanon.....	1,500.10	Smyrna.....	3,988.40
Linney's Grove.....	1,000.00	Stony Point.....	11,400.00
Little River.....	4,852.94	Taylorsville First....	3,348.24
Macedonia.....	250.00	Three Forks.....	4,000.00
			\$ 53,243.29

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Cooperative Agreement.....	\$ 420.00
NC Sales Tax Refund.....	70.04
Special Contributions.....	820.32
BSC Conference Refund.....	185.00
IRS Refund.....	24.28
Secretary Conf. Reimbursement.....	98.00
DOM Insurance Reimbursement.....	30.86
Phone Reimbursement.....	18.11
Copies.....	130.50
BW World Day of Prayer Offering.....	98.74
Camp Mundo Vista Gifts.....	60.40

NCWMU Offering, Women's Corr. Center, Raleigh.....	292.74
Hispanic Offerings.....	984.73
1995 Associational Book of Minutes.....	1,163.55
Disaster Relief/Hurricane Fran.....	100.00
DOM Christmas Gift.....	408.00
	<u>\$ 4,905.27</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Office Secretary/Treasurer Salary and Taxes.....	\$ 10,505.31
FICA Taxes.....	775.01
Hispanic Bible Teacher (Stipend).....	1,200.00
FICA Taxes.....	91.92
Vol. Church & Community Ministries Director.....	350.00
FICA Taxes.....	22.98
DOM Salary.....	12,000.00

OPERATION EXPENSES

Conferences & Seminars.....	\$ 760.50
Conventions (DOM).....	335.00
Insurance.....	30.86
Equipment.....	1,081.28
Insurance.....	890.94
General Supplies.....	2,207.30
Media Library.....	407.15
Postage/Box Rental.....	2,013.82
Printing.....	1,400.99
Repairs and Maintenance.....	5,592.48
Utilities.....	1,999.42
Miscellaneous.....	324.13
Travel DOM.....	1,254.83

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 326.00
Brotherhood.....	48.70
Discipleship Training.....	238.34
Missions Development.....	308.73
Music.....	131.34
VBS.....	157.42
WMU.....	1,305.01
Youth.....	300.00
Mission Projects.....	2,527.87
	<u>\$ 48,587.33</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON BUDGETED ITEMS

DOM Christmas Gift.....	\$ 500.00
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DESIGNATED FUNDS

Secretaries Fellowship.....	\$ 17.29
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MUSIC COUNCIL REPORT

The Music Council has worked together on two events this past year, the first one being held on March 31, 1996 at Antioch Baptist Church for an Associational Joint Worship Service. The theme was "Exalting Christ Together". Members of associational church choirs joined together in rehearsal to prepare arrangements of "Where Could I Go" and "What A Lovely Name". We had approximately fifty people to participate in this choir. An ensemble comprised of associational music leadership sang "Boundless Love".

On June 17-21, 1996, the association sponsored a Music Camp held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. We had a total of 27 involved, including adult leaders with representation of five churches from our association and one church from South Yadkin Association. The name of the musical was "Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission" by Kathy Hill. Using the colors in the Olympic symbol, the children in this musical share with Hans the Plan of Salvation:

BLACK	-	EVERYONE has sinned - Romans 3:23
RED	-	JESUS died to forgive our sin - Romans 5:8
BLUE	-	BAPTISM shows our new life in CHRIST - Romans 6:4
GREEN	-	CHRISTIANS grow through BIBLE study - 2 Peter 3:18
GOLD	-	GOD gives CHRISTIANS a Heavenly home on streets of Gold - John 14:3 and Revelation 21:18

As a result we had one participant to receive Christ into their life.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Holden
ASSOCIATION MUSIC DIRECTOR



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE
(formerly Nominating Committee)

OF

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FOR

1996 - 1997

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Marion Powell
Vice Moderator.....	Fred Hutchens
Clerk.....	Emilyn Wagner
Parliamentarian.....	..Gary Jennings
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Bobbi Glass

STANDING COMMITTEES

HISTORY & DEDICATION OF MINUTES

Florrie Kerley, Chair
Emilyn Wagner
Treva Glass

TRUSTEES

Allen Hines
Robert Austin
Gene Foy

CHURCH

Hiddenite
Antioch
Stony Point

TERM EXPIRES

1997
1998
1999

PERSONNEL

Carol Moody	Stony Point	1997
Mark Tilley	Bethlehem	1997
Tommy Hutton	Mountain Ridge	1998
Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	1998
Joe McDuffie	Little River	1999

CREDENTIALS

Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	1997
Larry Allen	Pleasant Hill	1998
Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	1999

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dale Costner	Pleasant Hill	1997
Bucky Foster	First Baptist	1998
Edsel Mitchell	Little River	1999

VOLUNTEER SELECTION (formerly Nominating)

Earl Matheson	Macedonia	1997
Lena Campbell	Pleasant Hill	1997
Cathy Hartness	Stony Point	1998
Blayne Hollar	Antioch	1998

BUDGET/FINANCE (Missions Funding Development)

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	1997
Selena Harrington	Pleasant Hill	1997
Steve Mayes	Little River	1998
Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	1998
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Marion Powell	Three Forks	1998
Chip Holden	East Taylorsville	1997
Tim Keever	Hiddenite	1997
Edward Bolen	Antioch	1998
Joe McDuffie	Little River	1999
Host Pastors (ex officio)		

ORDINATION

Dewey Austin	Antioch	1998
John Hellard	Stony Point	1998
Jerry Gwaltney	Pilgrim	1997
Doug Foster	Mt. Olive	1997

RESOLUTIONS

Lucy Echerd	First Baptist	1997
Martha Hines	Hiddenite	1998
Edward Bolen, Chair	Antioch	1999

VAN TRANSPORTATION

Steve Mays	Little River	1997
Billy Pennell	Stony Point	1997

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

General Board..... Kenneth Walters
(Elected by the State Convention)
Building & Planning Services Rep.....

COUNCILS

WMU

Pat Heinefield
Kim Ashley
Virginia Austin
Mary Ashe
Wanda Payne
Crystal Belcher
Sarah Mayberry
Tanya Sprinkle
Sharon Brewer
Debbie Little
Cindy Beckham
Lisa Orr

OFFICE

WMU Director
Asst. WMU Director
Secretary
Mission Involvement Dir.
WOM Director
WOM Asst. Director
Acteens Director
Acteens Asst. Director
GA Director
GA Asst. Director
MF Director
MF Asst. Director

CHURCH

Bethlehem
Hiddenite
Antioch
Hiddenite
Three Forks
Grace
Three Forks
Three Forks
Antioch
Bethlehem
Millersville
Millersville

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Terry Ashe
 Marjorie Giffin
 Alice Campbell
 Sandra Ellis
 Kim Pennell
 David Giffin
 Linda Lackey

Director
 Preschool Director
 Children's Director
 Youth Director
 Adult Director
 Outreach Director
 VBS Director

Hiddenite
 First Baptist
 Grace
 Stony Point
 Little River
 First Baptist
 Hiddenite

MUSIC

Chip Holden
 Brenda Robertson
 Amy Dagenhart
 Shirley Lackey
 Shelia Austin
 Linda Beach

OFFICE

Director

CHURCH

E. Taylorsville
 Antioch
 Pleasant Hill
 Stony Point
 Antioch
 Bethlehem

EVANGELISM

Mark Robinette
 Marion Powell
 Doug Foster

Director

Little River
 Three Forks
 Mt. Olive

BROTHERHOOD

Bob Brewington
 Noah Lail
 Kip Mace
 Mike Surratte

Brotherhood Director
 Baptist Men's Director
 Challenger's Director
 RA Director

Mt. Herman
 Bethlehem
 Three Forks
 Millersville

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Cathy Hartness
 Kathleen Teague
 Kenneth Walters

Director
 Bible Drill Coord.
 Youth Speakers Tourn.Dir.

Stony Point
 Antioch
 Stony Point

MEDIA LIBRARY

Director

YOUTH

Andrew Sarver
 Keith Meadows

Director

Little River
 Little River

STEWARDSHIP

Kenneth Kerley

Director

Mt. Herman

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Kenneth Walters
 Keith Childers
 Marjorie Giffin

Director

Stony Point
 Lebanon
 First Baptist

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS PERFORMANCE COUNCIL

Chairman (DOM).....Bill Goble
Moderator.....Marion Powell
ASSIST Director.....Terry Ashe
Discipleship Training Director.....Cathy Hartness
WMU Director.....Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood Director.....Bob Brewington
Music Director.....Chip Holden
Youth Director.....Andrew Sarver
Evangelism Director.....Mark Robinette
Stewardship Director.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Extension Director.....Kenneth Walters
Media Library Director.....
Missions Development Director....Volunteer CCM Director
Clerk.....Emilyn Wagner

Association Secretary/Treasurer....Bobbi Glass (Tay.First)

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Missions Development Dir.....Volunteer CCM Director
Survey Dir/State Missions Rep.....Larry Allen.....Pleasant Hill
WMU Representative/Home Missions Rep.....Kim Ashley.....Hiddenite
Promotional Dir/Foreign Missions Rep....Kathy Davis.....Grace
Brotherhood Rep.....Bob Brewington.....Mt. Herman
Moderator.....ex officio.....Three Forks

Respectfully submitted,

VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE (formerly Nominating) 1996-1997
Cathy Hartness, Chair
Earl Matheson
Lena Campbell
Blayne Hollar
Director of Missions - ex officio
Moderator - ex officio

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT

New ministries opened to churches through the Missions Development Council this year have included:

FAIR MINISTRY - A booth was established at the fair that displayed the banner of the Association. A map marking the location of each member church was featured. A video pictured each member church with a statement of location and the familiar "People Need the Lord" as the musical background. A materials table was housed in the booth. Tracts (English and Spanish), Bibles (English and Spanish), an Associational brochure, individual church handouts, Bible story balloons, Jesus Loves Me rings, and candy were available to be given to passersby. The booth was staffed by volunteers from Three Forks, Millersville, Stony Point, East Taylorsville, Antioch, and Hiddenite Baptist Churches.

DISASTER RELIEF - In the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, Alexander Association recruited a relief team to go to Wilmington to help with the clean up. Affectionately called "the chain saw brigade", representatives from Millersville, Little River, and Three Forks used their chain saws as their witness to folks in need of help in the Wrightsville Beach Community. They went with financial assistance from Millersville WMU, Antioch and Little River Churches. In addition B86 Radio Station partnered with the Association in raising relief money. At last count approximately \$2,000 was donated to the station for relief efforts. Rev. Marion Powell secured a tractor trailer to receive donation of needed items to be sent to the coast.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ashe
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



SEMINARY EXTENSION COUNCIL

Believing that all Christians should always be obedient to the Biblical command that we "Study to show thyself approved, a workman worthy of his hire," (II Timothy 2:15), the Seminary Extension Council has sought during this year to bring to the members of the churches of Alexander Baptist Association the best training possible in studies in the Bible and applied Christianity. Although we scheduled two classes, one which could be taken for college credit and one simply for a new understanding of the Bible, we had no one register, resulting in the cancellation of the classes. The Extension materials were used by the Chaplain at our local prison, however.

In the coming year we again plan to offer excellent course selections to be studied over an eight-week cycle. Also, if anyone would like to study on an independent basis, the committee will work with them to inform concerning the choices of courses available and make arrangements for ordering the materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Walters, Chairman
SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Activity in support of the ASSIST team began in the fall of 1995 with attendance at the ASSIST Team training held at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Several of the ASSIST Team members were able to attend this preparation and training period for the upcoming year.

A personal witnessing seminar was held on January 25, 1996 at Hiddenite Baptist Church. Lead by Dr. Ashe, it consisted of a presentation and review of the new book Going One On One, which included many strategies for outreach available to the Sunday School.

Attendance was excellent at the Association Vacation Bible School Clinic held on April 25, 1996 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Three persons from the Association had earlier attended a state sponsored workshop, and were able to pass along this vital information to our church members in preparation for VBS and Backyard VBS.

The Key Leadership Conference was held at Ridgecrest in May of this year and was well attended by your Sunday School Council (Assist Team). The fall training event has been postponed to early October and will include the presentation of new teacher training kits and literature for all age groups.

Respectfully submitted,

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL



WMU COUNCIL REPORT

"Risk the Journey" was WMU's theme for 1995-96. WMU leaders met at Three Forks Church on September 18 for training and a celebration of missions and leadership. Mission leaders were also reminded to pray for state missions and promote our NC Missions Offering in our churches in September.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was November 6. A meeting was held at Stony Point Church with retired missionary Elizabeth Oates speaking and leading in our prayer time. Other seasons of prayer that have been observed in our churches were for Baptist Children's Homes and Thanksgiving Offering (November), Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (December), Older Adults/NC Baptist Hospital Offering (May). August was emphasized as Family Missions Month and a time for Christmas in August to collect items for home missionaries.

Winter was a busy time for WMU members. Special events such as Focus on WMU, the Valentine Banquet for Pastors and Staff, in addition to the emphasis on the 1995-96 Social/Moral Issue were in February. Along with WMU Focus Week, this important project came into focus as missions leaders in our churches led in education and awareness of ministries to families with members suffering with AIDS. Collection of needed items/money for Hospice House in Brazil or for the North Carolina Baptist AIDS Fund was brought to the attention of our churches.

On March 16 Associational WMU helped sponsor a Home Missions Night Out at Millersville Church. Those in attendance had the opportunity to "meet Annie Armstrong" as we listened to Patricia Frazier from Greensboro portray Miss Armstrong by presenting a dramatic monologue. We were encouraged to bring needed food items for the Christian Crisis Center on this occasion. A time of fellowship followed.

Other action projects this past year included collecting money to purchase 100 units of personal items to send to the NC WMU to include in Christmas gifts to female inmates in Women's Prison and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. Mission groups also collected school supplies for our Christian Crisis Center in July to have for children of families who needed services in August. We also supported the Hispanic Ministry by helping provide desserts/snacks for the refreshments at the Mini-Health Clinic in August.

I am grateful that our WMU Leadership Selection Committee was able to fill all of the WMU Council positions for the 1996-97 year. Please pray for these new leaders and our new Associational WMU Director, Pat Heinefield (Bethlehem Church) during the next year.



Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn M. Hutchens
ASSOC. WMU DIRECTOR

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Association Office bustled this year with items that urgently needed attention. First, the ice/snow storms of January and February of this year caused extensive damage to all of the large trees. They had to be topped and trimmed and Mr. Sonny Rodriguez did a fine job for us.

Also the office itself required some much needed attention. It was "wrapped" with vinyl, the roof was re-roofed and central air conditioning was installed in the summer.

The office is something we can take pride in - come by and see it!



Respectfully submitted,

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

EVANGELISM COUNCIL REPORT

Two Evangelism Conferences were held for Pastors this year. The first session entitled "Evangelism Strategies for the Local Church" was held in the spring on April 30 at Little River Church. The second session entitled "Drawing the Net" was held in the fall on September 19 at Hiddenite Church. They were both well attended and received by our Pastors and both conferences were led by Milton A. Hollifield, Jr., Director of Evangelism Development, Baptist State Convention.

We helped sponsor the first Hispanic Mini-Health Clinic which was held on July 28 and the first Evangelistic Rally held on August 11, 1996. These were both held at Taylorsville Elementary School soccer field which ministered to approximately 300 to 400 Hispanics. We feel these were very successful and worthwhile evangelistic missions for the association, for these people, for our community, and most importantly, for the work of God's kingdom. We give special thanks to the following for their help in making this Hispanic Outreach possible: Mike Hernandez - Hispanic Bible Study Leader, Rev. Marion Powell, Bobbi Glass, and participating churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Robinette, Director
EVANGELISM COUNCIL



**EVANGELISM
REPORT**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

An Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic was held on April 25 at Bethlehem Baptist Church from 7 to 9 PM. It was led by our VBS Director, Mrs. Linda Lackey.

As of October 1, 18 churches reported having Vacation Bible School. A total of 2,298 people attended these Bible Schools. Only four churches sent in reports to the Association. Please send in your reports next year. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Associational Secretary

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordination Council was not requested to assist in the examination of any candidate for ordination during this past year.

This council is designed to be of assistance to the local churches upon their request. When called upon to examine a candidate, the Council makes its recommendation, which is not binding, to the local church, which then makes the final decision of whether to proceed or not to proceed with ordination.

The Council stands ready to assist upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

ORDINATION COUNCIL



Discipleship Training

Our goal has been to serve and aid others in their discipling efforts. It is our desire to strengthen and support our associational churches in the area of discipleship. We are also available to help those churches who need help in starting this effort.

There were six of our twenty-one churches who were involved in some form of discipleship training last year. There were two churches which consisted of nine participants who were involved in the Associational Bible Drill - seven of those went on to become state winners.

We have several discipleship strategy meetings planned to help us better understand how we can involve other churches in Discipleship Training.

IN SERVICE TO JESUS,

Cathy Hartness
Grant Heinefield
Co-Supporters of
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC
Christ for Our Nation

1995 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

The Home Mission Board (HMB) is a missionary-sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). With national offices in the Atlanta, Georgia area, the HMB's purpose is to serve Southern Baptists by assisting churches to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start and grow New Testament congregations, and minister to people in the name of Christ.

As of December 31, 1995, there were 4,857 missions personnel serving in the United States, the Caribbean, Guam, American Samoa, and Canada. The HMB also has endorsed more than 2,400 chaplains who are serving in healthcare agencies, institutions, businesses, the military, and pastoral-care roles. Nearly 2,300 Mission Service Corps volunteers are serving on home mission fields. During the year there were 1,458 church starts, the second highest number in 10 years. Southern Baptist churches baptized 393,811 people in 1995, an increase of nearly 15,000 over 1994.

Approximately half of the HMB's support comes from the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. In 1995, gifts to the offering totaled \$38,908,339, the largest in HMB history. One hundred percent of the offering goes to support the work of home missionaries in the field. The 1996 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is \$42 million. About 35 percent of the HMB's income comes from the denomination's Cooperative Program.

The following is a summary of program/support ministry highlights from 1995:

Chaplaincy Ministries--The 2,412 Southern Baptists now serving as chaplains and pastoral counselors reported more than 27,000 professions of faith. During the year, 179 Southern Baptist ministers were endorsed for the first time by the Chaplains Commission of the SBC.

Church Loans--The Church Loans Division closed 98 church loans totaling \$25 million, including \$3.4 million of refinancing.

Associational Administrative Service--In more than 1,025 associations, 950 associational missionaries have an extremely significant role in leading churches to strategize and work in partnership to evangelize, minister, and start churches in all places and among all people groups.

Language Missions--Home missionaries in the Language Church Extension Division worked among 106 ethnic groups and 98 American Indian tribes, using 106 languages and dialects, in addition to sign language.

Volunteers--Volunteers continue to serve in record numbers and represent more than \$100 million in value to the HMB. In 1995, more than 70,000 persons served as volunteers. Mission Service Corps missionaries, numbering 2,193, represent a cadre of committed people responding to God's call to be personally involved in home missions. They were responsible for leading more than 5,600 people to Christ.

Prayer and Spiritual Awakening--The Home Missions Intercessory Prayerline received 82,000 calls in 1995. Missionary prayer requests were given in more than 178,000 English and Spanish *PrayerGrams*.

Mass Evangelism--This department assisted in implementing the *Here's Hope. Jesus Cares for You*. Harvest Revivals. An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 churches participated in some portion of the *Here's Hope* emphasis.

Alternatives to Abortion Ministries--As a result of ministries in 37 crisis pregnancy centers, 806 persons prayed to receive Christ and 1,823 babies were born.

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A Southern Baptist Convention agency supported by the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Making Life for Older Adults...

The Best of Times

The continuing goal of Baptist Retirement Homes is to provide more and better services for Older Adults. During 1996 several developments have moved us toward this goal.

Some new staff members have been added to help provide the kind of total care which residents need and deserve. Tanja Keay has been employed as Vice President of the Health Services Division. Paulette Richmond came as the new manager of the Hamilton Baptist Home. Carla Hyde was named director of the small group program for residents with dementia, a program designed to enhance their quality of life. Patricia Fling is the director of the In Home Care program which began a few months ago. Dr. Earl Watts, an Associate Professor at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, is serving as the medical director for In Home Care.

Early in the year, renovation of the Hamilton Baptist Home was completed providing a more attractive and comfortable place for residents in that facility. The new Cecil and Gertrude Young Solarium at the Rickman Nursing Center in Asheville will provide space for the small group program for residents with dementia. At Brookridge, renovated space in the Assisted Living section, and named "Stokes Court", will house the new Assisted Independent Living Unit. A new passenger van will facilitate transportation for residents at the Taylor House in Albemarle as they attend church, keep appointments, go shopping, or participate in

social/recreational events.

During the year, Baptist Retirement Homes has provided assistance in the planning for Cliffwood, a new continuing care retirement community being built in Fayetteville. Two Fayetteville churches, First Baptist and Snyder Memorial Baptist, have formed a non-profit corporation to lead this project. A 27 acre site has been selected. Plans call for 105 Independent Living units, 20 beds in Assisted Living, and 20 beds in a nursing care unit. All units will be available on a rental basis with no entrance fees.

The James M. Hayes Society has been formed to recognize and thank those persons who remember the Baptist Retirement Homes in their estate planning. Thirty-three charter members constitute this group named in honor of the "Homes" founding superintendent.

Finally, we recognize with deep gratitude those North Carolina Baptists who gave through their churches to support the ministry during the past year. Through the cooperative program, the special February Offering, and other church gifts, the "Homes" received a total of \$1,030,052 during the 12 month period ending September 30, 1995.

The trustees and staff are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for helping us to make life for Older Adults... **The Best of Times!**

William B. Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. FACT SHEET

WHAT IS BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (BRH) is one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. With four retirement communities throughout the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programs for conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirement Homes is a not-for-profit, church-affiliated organization.

WHERE ARE BRH FACILITIES LOCATED AND WHAT SERVICES DO THEY OFFER?

Brookridge Retirement Community is a 44-acre continuing care retirement community in Winston-Salem, established in 1989. Brookridge offers its 300 residents independent and assisted independent living opportunities, as well as assisted living and nursing services. Accommodations range from garden homes to apartments to assisted living and nursing care in single rooms at the Prince Nursing Center. The Brookridge Transitional Care Unit opened in 1995, offering post-acute medical care on site. Home health care is also available on site through In Home Care, Inc., a Baptist Retirement Homes affiliate. Brookridge is a full-service retirement community, offering meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

*Brad McIlwain or Elizabeth Vick • Brookridge Retirement Community
1199 Hayes Forest Drive • Winston-Salem, NC 27106 • 910-759-1044*

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home (WNCBH) is located on a 22-acre tract atop Richmond Hill in northwest Asheville. The Home offers residents assisted living and nursing care, as well as assisted independent living. Established in 1979, the Home was recently renovated and expanded to accommodate 150 residents. WNCBH is a full-service retirement facility, offering meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry, religious activities, and more. For more information, contact:

*John Dwyer • Western North Carolina Baptist Home
213 Richmond Hill Drive • Asheville, NC 28806 • 704-254-9675*

The Hamilton Baptist Home is a 30-bed assisted living facility located on 18 acres in Hamilton, in eastern North Carolina. Recently renovated to enhance the comfort of the residents, the Home has been in operation since 1963. Services include all daily meals, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry services, medication assistance, religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

*Paulette Richmond • Hamilton Baptist Home
301 North Railroad Street • Hamilton, NC 27840 • 919-798-5901*

The Taylor House is home to 30 residents in Albemarle, in North Carolina's Piedmont region. Situated in a residential neighborhood, The Taylor House opened in 1954 and was totally renovated in 1994. It offers a full range of assisted living services, including three meals daily, housekeeping, private rooms, laundry service, medication monitoring, recreational and religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

*Helen Benoy • The Taylor House
319 Palmer Street • Albemarle, NC 28001 • 704-982-4217*

ARE RESIDENTS OF BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES PRIMARILY BAPTISTS?

At the Brookridge Community, 70% of the resident population is Baptist. About 90% of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

WHAT IS THE COST OF SERVICES? ARE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY?

Fees vary according to facilities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each facility is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities owned and operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamilton Baptist Home and the Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program and from local Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care who are unable to pay the full cost of their care.

DOES THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORT BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention select BRH board members. In 1995, funds received from the Convention Cooperative Program and gifts from local Baptist churches totaled approximately \$1.1 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient resources to pay for the care they receive.

HOW CAN I MAKE A REFERRAL OR RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

You may make a referral or request information about a particular home by contacting the person listed in the BRH facilities section (above), or by calling Emily Reaves at Baptist Retirement Homes (910-725-0202).



P.O. Box 11024 • Winston-Salem, NC • 27116-1024 • 910-725-0202

REPORT OF CHURCH GROWTH MULTIPLIERS
FOR REGIONS 7, 8, 9, & 10
OF NORTH CAROLINA

We consider it a great blessing to have the privilege of serving our Lord by helping churches to grow numerically and spiritually. We thank God for every association and the churches they represent. All of you are very special to us.

Church Growth Multipliers is a ministry of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention designed to help churches and associations to grow through church programs; Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, and Brotherhood. We are available to help churches in all of these areas. We now have an added responsibility. Each of us were trained by Maurice Cooper to do conferences to help in a Care Giving Ministry.

God is blessing in a marvelous way. We have been in many churches during the past year. We have seen Sunday Schools grow, new Discipleship Training Programs started, as well as some new WMU and Brotherhood Organizations being started.

If we can help in any way, please feel free to call on any of us. Following is the list of Team Members, their addresses, and phone numbers.

Team Leader: Fred B. Lunsford, Rt. 1, Box 72, Marble, NC 28905
Phone #: 704-837-2605

Suthell Walker, 202 Bartley St., Spindale, NC 28160
Phone #: 704-286-2737

Sharon Kephart, Rt. 3, Box 227, Murphy, NC 28906
Phone #: 704-837-6530

James P. Clouse, Rt. 2 Box 256, Hendersonville NC 28792
Phone #: 704-685-3892

Our job description is as follows:

- *Help start Sunday School (new units of work), Discipleship Training, WMU, and Brotherhood in churches where one or more of these organizations does not exist.
- *Help train people in a ministry of Care Giving.
- *Strengthen existing work.
- *Encourage/assist associational Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, and Brotherhood leaders.
- *Serve as a contact/liaison between church, association, and state.
- *Help churches discover needs.
- *Promote teamwork.
- *Encourage quality leadership in churches through programs of training.
- *Help churches to report progress numerically and qualitatively.
- *A new approach to enhance church growth.

We are sponsored by Discipleship Training, Sunday School, WMU, and Brotherhood of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred".

Fred B. Lunsford, Team Leader



Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina - 1996

Evelyn Alexander, Chairman of the Board

Primered for excitement after three hours waiting under a bright summer sky, hundreds of spectators craned their necks and peered toward downtown Asheville June 26 when Michael Owen jogged into view - carrying the Olympic Torch on outstretched arm. Michael, one of 1,422 children Baptist Children's Homes served in 1995-96, lives at Broyhill Home in Clyde, one of 12 facilities BCH operates in North Carolina.

Smiling and waving to the crowds holding aloft tiny flags and cameras, Michael lifted the symbol of international unity and pointed to friends among those who lined the parade route.

The entire Broyhill Home campus showed up, cheering wildly. They ate picnics at the end of Michael's route, and swarmed him when he passed the flame to the next carrier - a bicycle rider.

It could have been a family reunion, or a school scene, or a re-creation for a movie on family support. But Michael, and most of his supporters, are children who have suffered unspeakable abuses at the hands of adults they trusted to care for them.

And the adults who waded into that mob scene of joy at the end of Michael's run are called of God to help young people like Michael and those who surrounded him deal with those issues, and to overcome them.

As a boy, Michael was so ashamed of his clothes he ran home from school, never stopping to make friends. Worse, he endured almost nightly beatings from his father. He was 11 years old before he realized other boys weren't beaten every night. Four years later he found the courage to tell his father he was leaving.

"Go ahead, call someone," he yelled. "Leave."

Michael left. After six months in emergency care at Mills Home in Thomasville, he established a more permanent residence at Broyhill Home. Slowly, quietly his emotions mounted within him until one night he erupted and spilled forth his story, the years of secrets and lies, to his child care worker, Betty Porter. "She stayed up with me and we talked a long time," Michael said. That was his first lesson

in trust and unconditional love.

"Broyhill has changed my life so much," Michael said. "For almost a year I didn't trust anybody, but finally I felt a calmness I know was the Lord. Here I found the Lord and now I try to live every day for Him."

Michael's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic as a boy who grew from a punching bag to a torch bearer.

But at four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, more than 1,400 children and their families find help in a troubled time.

During the past year BCH received almost \$1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and \$663,00 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of almost \$3 million comprised 26.2 percent of BCH operating revenue.

BCH is in the midst of a \$10.1 "Light Their Way" Campaign to raise money for operations, capital needs and endowment. At the halfway point in June, more than \$5.4 million had been committed to BCH through the campaign.

Videos of the children's presentation at the 1995 State Baptist Convention are available by calling the communications office at (800) 476-3669. You can also ask for the latest videos to tell you about your ministry to children and families through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Although Michael carries many fond memories of Baptist Children's Homes with him as he heads for college this Fall, his earliest amaze-ments were the secure sleep he got when he laid his head down, and of receiving his first pair of Nikes so he didn't have to be embarrassed by his appearance.

From head to toe BCH cares for children and families. Thank you for helping to Light Their Way.

Michael C. Blackwell
President since 1983

Highlights

FALL 1996

from the **FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

As in all past years, our Lord has abundantly blessed the work of the Foreign Mission Board through countless ways. We wish to thank all Southern Baptists for their roles which undergird the FMB. Without the concerted, cooperative effort of all Southern Baptist churches, the work and mission of the FMB would be only a shadow of its present position.

We are distinctly privileged to follow our Lord's command found in the Great Commission. Each year brings us closer to taking the gospel to all nations (best rendered as ethno-linguistic people groups).

The following annual growth levels reflect the combined reports from all foreign mission points as of the start of this year:

- A record number of newly constituted churches: 2,612
- Total number of countries where missionaries reside: 131
- Total number of baptisms overseas: 287,806
- Number of new people groups touched by the gospel: 41
- Baptisms among least-reached peoples: 6,548
- Total number of missionaries: 4,129
- Total number of short-term volunteers: Over 15,000
- Total number of newly appointed missionaries: 544
- Record amount of Lottie Moon Offering: \$89.9 million
- Increase in enrollment in discipleship programs: 74%
- Number of new cities opened to the gospel: 528

Southern Baptists support the Foreign Mission Board in multiple ways.

Daily prayer assistance tops the list. Likewise, sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have provided innumerable opportunities to spread the gospel. As missionaries preached, taught, healed and counseled, you were there. The Foreign Mission Board counts it an honor to partner with you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to every shore.

Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
1996

In a recent survey released by the Family Research Council, 66% of those polled said that our country was headed down "the wrong track". When asked whether the nation's wrong direction could be attributed to the lack of jobs and economic health or a decline in moral values and family breakdown, over 60% indicated the latter. We at the Christian Action League agree that our state and nation need a restoration of biblical, moral and family values. In 1996 we were honored to assist communities in their battles for civic and moral righteousness and to promote laws in the General Assembly that have helped to restore family values to the State of North Carolina.

A. **Christian Values**

The Christian Action League joined with other Christian organizations to promote Christian Heritage Week in North Carolina, March 17-23. We experienced a wonderful week as presentations and commemorations were held in many churches, schools and communities across our state. The week culminated with an awards ceremony and reception for the winners of the state-wide essay contest and their families. The League provided decorations and programs for the event and hosted the reception at the State Archives and History Building in Raleigh..

The League undertook a project in association with the American Rights Coalition to distribute thousands of copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 5,000 copies of the 11 X 14 prints have been distributed throughout the state to individuals and churches.

B. **Lottery**

We saw renewed efforts to push a lottery bill through the General Assembly for a state-wide referendum. Representative Fitch introduced two lottery bills: HB 6060 (Rules Committee) and HB 838 (JII Committee). The League actively lobbied against these bills and both bills died in their respective committees. North Carolina continues to be the largest state in the nation and the only state in the Bible belt with no state-sponsored gambling. Please keep us in prayer as the League faces this battle each year.

C. **Sex Education**

CAL actively lobbied for HB 834, Abstinence Until Marriage, a law that mandated that abstinence until marriage be the focus in sex education in North Carolina schools and was passed in the 1995 session.. CAL and other pro-family, Christian organizations have been working with the Dept. of Public Instruction and State Board of Education in 1996 encouraging them to implement the law through abstinence-based curricula. We have also assisted communities in seeing that this law is properly implemented at the local level.

D. **Homosexuality**

CAL participated in efforts to get SB 1487 (No Same-Sex Marriage) passed during the short session of the General Assembly. The bill passed both houses and became law.

Alerted our members in the Winston-Salem area about the Family March on June 30 and encouraged them to notify their churches to participate. This march was in response to the homosexual community march held in that city. The Family March attendance was estimated at 8,000.

E. **Abortion**

The League actively supported Representative Decker's HB 624, a Woman's Right to Know. This bill would have required the doctor to share vital information with the patient about the risks of abortion and would require a 24-hour waiting period. We were disappointed that the bill did not pass this session; however, we will work for its passage again next session.

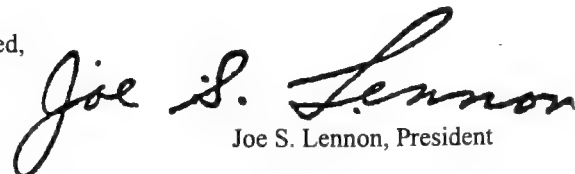
F. **Alcohol**

CAL assisted several communities in setting up an organization to combat liquor referendums.

My friends, we are living in times when the Christian community needs to exercise spiritual discernment and stand strong for Biblical principles that further righteousness, strengthen families and bless our state and nation. We are grateful to God for the prayer and financial support that the League receives from the churches of your association that allow us to be on the front lines in this spiritual warfare.


Johnny R. Henderson, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted,


Joe S. Lennon, President

BAPTIST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY REPORT 1996

Since 1834 North Carolina Baptist Colleges and Universities have been privileged to have many splendid presidents. The current presidents are listed on this page. They were elected to take the lead in dreaming, shaping and managing Baptist higher education in North Carolina.

Two colleges, Mars Hill and Chowan, have new presidents. Let us introduce them to you.

Dr. A. Max Lennon was named president of Mars Hill College, effective March 1. Both he and Mrs. Lennon (Ruth Ann) are graduates of Mars Hill. Dr. Lennon brings a rich background in business and higher education to his new task. After earning the B.S. and Ph.D. degrees at North Carolina State University, he served in the administration of Texas Tech University, the University of Missouri, Ohio State University and Clemson University, where he was the president. He comes to Mars Hill from the presidency of Eastern Foods, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Lennon, an active Baptist churchman, has been a member of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men. In Atlanta they were members of the First Baptist Church in Peachtree City, where he taught Sunday School and was a member of the strategic planning committee. He is on the board of directors of numerous corporations and foundations, among them First Union Corporation and Duke Power. In accepting the presidency of Mars Hill he said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide leadership for this college and boldly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ."

Dr. Stanley G. Lott moved to North Carolina in July to become president of Chowan College. He comes from Louisiana College, a Baptist school, where he was vice president for academic affairs for 15 years. Earlier he has been a faculty member at Tift College in Georgia. Dr. Lott earned two doctorates, one in systematic theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the other in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. An ordained Baptist minister, he has held two pastorates in Louisiana. Mercer University president Kirby Godsey said, "Stanley Lott is one of the finest educators and leaders in higher education today." Dr. and Mrs. Lott (Johnnye) were long-time, active members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, near Louisiana College. Upon his election the new president said, "I look forward to joining hands with all who are part of Chowan College. I am also eager to join North Carolina Baptists in their efforts to spread the gospel and to preserve historic Baptist principles."

THE PRESIDENTS

Norman A. Wiggins
Campbell University

Stanley G. Lott
Chowan College

M. Christopher Whitcomb
Gardner-Webb University

A. Max Lennon
Mars Hill College

John E. Weems
Meredith College

Jerry E. McGee
Wingate University

Thomas K. Hearn, Jr.
Wake Forest University

*Meeting the
Challenges of
Health Care*
1996

Report to the Association



HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1996

DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

During this year the 18 to 40 Chaplains present at various times at the Hospital made over 55,000 pastoral contacts. As of July 1, 1996, the counseling centers will be called CareNet, Inc., of The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Over 26,000 hours of counseling were provided through the eleven centers across the state of North Carolina. Two additional centers will open in the fall of this year.

The Center for Congregational Health has, since inception in 1992, provided ministry at some level to over 225 North Carolina Baptist Churches.

Mission dollars from the Cooperative Program enabled the above ministries to be carried out and to touch thousands of lives.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

North Carolina Baptists joined us in a mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. We channeled every penny of the MDO, which amounted to \$461,647, to help patients who had no health-care insurance and no financial means to pay their hospital bills. We are grateful to everyone who made this ministry possible.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

Financial Stewardship - The Medical Center is constantly seeking ways to lighten the financial burden of those who are ill. Recently the room rates were reduced by \$50 per day.

Aegis - This is an alliance of primary-care clinicians who serve patients regardless of their medical plans or HMO/PPO affiliated. "Aegis" means protection or sponsorship: Aegis Family Health Centers is a network of primary care physicians affiliated with The Medical Center. It now has 33 providers in 10 practice sites.

QualChoice of North Carolina - QualChoice is The Medical Center's managed care company. Eighteen months old, it serves approximately 30,500 enrollees, giving quality health-care and patient/physician choice.

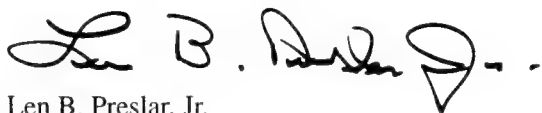
Regional Integrated Information Network - RIDS is a regional computer network now in the pilot phases. The network allows providers in the region to exchange patient information electronically, saving time and money. RIDS is a plan which assists communities in our service area to develop a coordinated continuum of care. In this plan, primary care physicians, community hospitals, nursing homes and other patient care providers link their services with those of The Medical Center. The desired outcome is improved patient care and cost-effective services.

The J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging - The Center devotes itself to the special problems of older adults. When the center moves to its new home in 1996, its services will not only provide specialized health care but will also include a day care program for the elderly that will serve as a link between hospital and home, helping to reduce rates of rehospitalization and premature placement in nursing homes.

A CLOSING WORD

Since its founding in 1922, the Hospital has taken pride in our ministry of service. In doing so, we seek to make tomorrow's patient care and tomorrow's workplace constantly better. That has been our mission historically, and it continues to this day. I firmly believe that our best lies yet ahead, and I am committed to that reality.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

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Biblical Recorder



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REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION--1996

The headlines each day--Bosnia, Belfast, Saudi Arabia, taxes, school funding, presidential elections, etc.--often include Southern Baptists. The secular media show special interest in our conflicts but all too often do not tell the whole story of the good things Baptists are doing.

The Biblical Recorder attempts to tell the whole story--the many positive things people are doing in their churches along with the negative issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 163 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth. We live in an electronic media age where many think they have the answers to the issues but they do not because they do not read, only look and listen!

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; an uninformed Baptist may be an uninvolved or disruptive Baptist. No democracy, including our local churches, can survive long without an informed, involved constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. Recent and anticipated increases in mailing costs make CNS a greater value in 1996-97 than when it was started in 1990.

The paper focuses more and more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

The Biblical Recorder
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Raleigh, NC 27609

Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Carter	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			
1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Smyrna			

1975	Pilgrim.....	Grady Kerley.....	Robert Boggs.....	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville.....			
1976	Mt. Herman.....	Ray Shumate.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks.....			
1977	East Taylorsville.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch.....			
1978	Hiddenite.....	Richard Hicks.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville.....			
1979	Macedonia.....	D.L. Bumgarner.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon.....			
1980	Grace.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Beulah.....			
1981	Poplar Springs.....	Leroy Clack.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill.....			
1982	Oxford Memorial.....	Gary Jennings.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Mt. Olive.....			
1983	Millersville.....	Robert Boggs.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Little River.....			
1984	Antioch.....	Cecil Lovelace.....	James Pierce.....	Elline Lackey
	Three Forks.....			
1985	Bethlehem.....	James Pierce.....	James Pierce.....	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove.....			
1986	Smyrna.....	Ken Walters.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman.....			
	Stony Point.....			
1987	Macedonia.....	Keith Childers.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville.....			
	Oxford Memorial.....			
1988	Poplar Springs.....	Dwight Austin.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite.....			
	Grace.....			
1989	Millersville.....	Michael Blevins.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Mountain Ridge.....			
1990	Three Forks.....	Terry Ashe.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist.....			
	Mt. Olive.....			
1991	Lebanon.....	C. David Boan.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch.....			
	Pilgrim.....			
	Antioch.....			
1992	Little River.....	David Horton.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove.....			
	Bethlehem.....			
1993	Mt. Herman.....	Larry Blakley.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point.....			
	Smyrna.....			
1994	Grace.....	Michael Blevins.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia.....			
	East Taylorsville.....			
1995	Hiddenite.....	Larry Allen.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Millersville.....			
1996	Mt. Olive.....	Keith Childers.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks.....			
	First Taylorsville.....			

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TAYLOR SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION					YEAR ENDING 1996																			
Association	Alexander Baptist Association			(Month & Day)																				
State	North Carolina			Sept. 30																				
Associational Sunday School Director	Dr. Terry Ashe																							
Address	P. O. Box 38	Hiddenite	Cnty	State	Zip																			
				NC	28636																			
CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																							
Antioch	Mr. Nathan Vannoy	Route 2 Box 451, Lenoir, NC 28645				358	42	62	31	14	15	98	81	3	6	6	0	193	16	9	18	4	161	0
Bethlehem	Mr. Gary Pierce	75 Greenfield Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681				479	40	65	46	18	25	175	83	0	14	13	0	303	72	18	0	0	255	0
Beulah	Mr. Tommy Watson	P O Box 814, Taylorsville NC 28681				43	8	6	4	5	10	9	0	0	0	1	0	42	5	0	4	4	0	0
Calvary	Mr. Stanley Carrigan	Route 3 Box 227, Taylorsville NC 28681				203	6	15	20	24	25	25	55	0	0	33	0	203	16	1	0	10	0	0
East Taylorsville	Mr. Matt Johnson	P O Box 264, Hiddenite NC 28636				748	84	95	64	45	193	202	15	10	30	10	0	417	58	0	49	0	0	60
Grace	Mr. Allen Smith	4021 6th St Dr NW, Hickory NC 28601				170	19	19	18	20	15	12	23	0	0	4	40	65	29	2	0	10	78	0
Hiddenite	Mr. Gail Sharpe	Route 2 Box 444, Hiddenite NC 28636				116	14	12	11	9	13	29	19	0	6	3	0	46	9	5	10	12	102	0
Lebanon	Mr. Jimmy Watts	Route 4 Box 224-1, Taylorsville NC 28681				83	14	8	10	9	18	0	24	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	70	0
Linney's Grove	Mr. Ronald Gwaltney	Route 1 Box 165, Hiddenite NC 28636				95	11	9	9	5	25	24	10	0	0	2	0	69	5	0	0	0	78	0
Little River	Mr. Keith Meadows	353 Moose Road, Taylorsville NC 28681				129	18	17	22	5	28	20	16	0	0	3	0	132	3	4	21	0	121	0
Macedonia	Mr. Gary Bowman	560 Boston Road, Taylorsville NC 28681				125	11	20	6	4	15	20	16	0	0	3	30	62	0	4	0	0	117	0
Millersville	Mr. Bradley Sweet	188 Fireman's Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681				192	45	30	20	5	23	34	30	0	0	5	0	190	0	0	4	0	291	0
Mountain Ridge	Mr. Edd Reese	Route 2 Box 297, Taylorsville NC 28681				37	6	8	5	0	0	13	4	0	0	1	0	35	0	0	0	3	50	0
Mt. Herman	Mr. Lex Johnson	6008 Highway 16 So., Taylorsville NC 28681				141	17	15	10	7	20	27	40	0	0	5	0	110	8	0	5	0	74	0
Mt. Olive	Mr. Charles Lowrance	7752 NC Hwy 16 North, Moravian Falls NC 28654				50	4	4	1	1	1	14	8	0	3	4	0	33	8	4	9	1	31	0
Pilgrim	Mr. Rick Milligan	Route 1 Box 204, Hiddenite NC 28636				86	7	7	9	10	9	10	25	0	5	4	0	75	3	0	0	0	76	0
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Joey Campbell	Route 5 Box 265, Taylorsville NC 28681				155	15	22	14	7	27	27	41	0	0	2	0	116	5	8	7	8	89	50
Smyrna	Mr. Mark Sipe	6098 Teague Town Rd., Taylorsville NC 28681				127	23	13	18	18	18	20	11	0	0	6	0	92	0	0	0	0	89	0
Stony Point	Mr. Steve Cockrell	P O Box 294, Stony Point NC 28678				356	35	41	49	16	67	56	65	0	12	5	10	195	14	16	24	15	206	74
Taylorsville First	None					240	22	15	18	0	43	53	84	0	0	5	0	136	3	1	0	0	235	0
Three Forks	Mr. Barry Pennell	Route 2 Box 249, Taylorsville NC 28681				410	39	47	42	10	68	99	97	0	0	8	0	283	23	10	8	0	175	0
TOTALS						4343	480	530	427	232	658	967	757	13	76	123	80	2867	277	82	159	67	2298	184
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS						4553	553	579	444	262	557	1064	844	6	51	99	42	2845	218	72	175	170	2283	

TABLE C DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION YEAR ENDING 1996										19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	Add 19 & 20	21																																																				
Association		Alexander Baptist Association			(Month & Day) Sept. 30																																																																					
State		North Carolina																																																																								
Associational Discipleship Training Director		Mrs. Cathy Hartness																																																																								
Address	P O Box 495	City	State	Zip																																																																						
CHURCHES					DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)					TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING					Ongoing Presch. B-5					Ongoing Child. 6-11					Ongoing Youth 12-17					Ongoing Adult 18 & Up					DT Gen. Officers					TOTAL SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING					Short-Term Preschool					Short-Term Children					Short-Term Youth					Short-Term Adults					TOTAL DT ENROLLMENT/ PARTICIPATION					TeamKid Clubs				
Antioch		Mrs. Dinah Vannoy	Route 2 Box 451, Tenotr NC 28645		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1																																																			
Bethlehem		Mr. Joe Price	26 Rocky Creek Road, Taylorsville NC 28681		7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	85	7	6	12	60	92	0																																																				
Beulah		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Calvary		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
East Taylorsville		Mr. David Davis	123 15th St SE, Taylorsville NC 28681		230	61	63	50	0	56	186	0	45	22	119	416	35																																																									
Grace		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Hiddenite		None			14	6	8	0	0	0	54	0	0	16	38	68	0																																																									
Lebanon		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Linney's Grove		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Little River		Mr. Andrew Sarver	368 Midway Park, Taylorsville NC 28681		40	8	12	12	8	0	52	0	0	0	52	92	0																																																									
Macedonia		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Millersville		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Mountain Ridge		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Mt. Herman		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Mt. Olive		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Pilgrim		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Pleasant Hill		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Smyrna		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Stony Point		None			1	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	15	16	0																																																									
Taylorsville First		None			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																				
Three Forks		Mr. Charles Barnes	Route 2 Box 537, Taylorsville NC 28681		189	21	21	31	113	3	134	0	0	0	134	323	0																																																									
TOTALS					481	96	104	93	121	67	526	7	51	50	318	1007	36																																																									
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					768	99	176	142	291	60	293	0	101	38	154	1061																																																										

TABLE F FINANCIAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING		1996		31		32		33		34		35		36		44		45		46	
Association		Alexander Baptist Association		(Month & Day)		Sept. 30																			
State		North Carolina																							
Associational Treasurer		Mrs. Bobbt Glass																							
Address		P. O. Box 875		City		Taylorsville		State		NC		Zip		28681											
CHURCHES		TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)						Total Receipts		Undesignated Gifts		Designated Gifts		Total Local Expenditures		New Construction		Church Literature		Value-Church Property		Money Borrowed		Church Debt	
Antioch		Mr. Wayne Holland Route 2 Box 155, Taylorsville NC 28681						290,254		224,777		65,477		184,637		0		8,669		1,454,200		0		0	
Bethlehem		Mr. Bud Bollinger 12 Dogwood Court, Taylorsville NC 28681						467,092		349,151		117,941		199,676		0		11,325		1,950,000		55,500		34,000	
Beulah		Mrs. Alene Keller 414 East Main Ave., Taylorsville NC 28681						31,935		31,935		0		36,222		0		700		475,000		0		0	
Calvary		Mr. Dwight Warren 161 Airport Road, Taylorsville NC 28681						261,610		258,705		2,905		352,072		115,000		3,870		565,000		100,000		85,000	
East Taylorsville		Mrs. Kim Davis P O Box 906, Taylorsville NC 28681						472,798		435,696		37,102		523,395		0		24,439		2,582,355		0		0	
Grace		Mrs. Pat Wallace 163 Rocky Acres Road, Hickory NC 28601						137,255		102,315		11,627		81,896		26,167		3,498		481,600		0		0	
Hiddenite		Mrs. Martha Hines 182 Woodridge Drive, Taylorsville NC 28681						116,513		87,347		29,166		437,864		347,622		6,096		850,000		235,000		235,000	
Lebanon		Mrs. Mary Watts Route 4 Box 172, Taylorsville NC 28681						141,157		129,469		10,161		45,837		5,000		1,928		925,000		0		0	
Linney's Grove		Mrs. Linda Hayes Route 1 Box 171, Hiddenite NC 28636						47,405		26,588		13,399		30,731		0		3,047		485,000		0		0	
Little River		Mrs. Esther White Route 4 Box 239, Taylorsville NC 28681						186,539		175,800		10,739		72,265		0		4,271		465,000		0		0	
Macedonia		Mrs. Jelene Fox 6174 Hwy 16 South, Taylorsville NC 28681						82,125		71,194		10,931				1,780		2,450		800,000		0		0	
Millersville		Mrs. Brenda Hartness 46 Hardrock Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681						321,207		292,820		10,800		182,175		80,000		6,586		1,662,400		0		460,657	
Mountain Ridge		Mrs. Geraldine Hatton Route 2 Box 322, Taylorsville NC 28681						36,231		88		531		22,850		0		1,179		310,000		0		0	
Mt. Herman		Miss Wanda Holzcslaw 519 Wilkesboro Rd., Taylorsville NC 28681						156,816		138,837		17,979		60,590		0		6,220		981,000		0		0	
Mt. Olive		Mrs. Sandra Lowrance Rt 2 Box 98-A, Moravian Falls NC 28654						45,865		39,500		6,365		34,768		0		1,000		320,000		0		0	
Pilgrim		Mrs. Billie Carrigan Route 1 Box 251, Hiddenite NC 28636						67,576		52,213		15,363		44,508		1,321		2,548		700,000		0		0	
Pleasant Hill		Mrs. Phyllis Teague Route 4 Box 314, Taylorsville NC 28681						125,691		105,556		20,135		86,118		0		3,887		1,000,000		0		0	
Smyrna		Mrs. Kathy Bowles Route 1 Box 40, Hiddenite NC 28636						136,386		125,115		11,271		74,965		0		4,195		300,000		0		0	
Stony Point		Mrs. Debbie Jenkins P O Box 462, Stony Point NC 28678						225,478		194,760		21,899		204,270		0		7,381		415,000		60,000		55,663	
Taylorsville First		Mr. David Campbell P O Box 728, Taylorsville NC 28681						268,994		225,285		44,587		232,916		0		8,079		1,600,000		0		90,990	
Three Forks		Mrs. Kay Wright Route 2 Box 724, Taylorsville NC 28681						355,032		263,774		91,258		314,759		104,000		16,747		1,800,000		0		0	
		TOTALS						3,973,959		3,330,925		549,636		3,222,514		680,890		128,155		20,121,555		450,500		970,310	
		PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS						4,045,041		3,252,700		660,821		3,675,675		941,248		120,055		19,093,365		565,192		737,202	

TABLE G MISSION EXPENDITURES				YEAR ENDING		1996	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
Association				(Month & Day)									
Alexander Baptist Association				Sept. 30									
State				North Carolina									
Associational Clerk				Miss Emilyn Wagner									
Address	City	State	Zip										
4173 Rink Dam Road	Taylorsville	NC	28681										
CHURCHES				CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)									
Antioch	Mrs. Denise Rudisill	681 Hollar Lane,	Taylorsville NC 28681	65,477	44,941	5,983	1,027	4,919	8,607	500			
Bethlehem	Mrs. Bea Bellamy	Route 2 Box 46,	Taylorsville NC 28681	35,651	20,400	3,000	2,460	2,767	9,791	0			
Beulah	Ms. Tina Deal	219 Sixth St. SE,	Taylorsville NC 28681	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	963			
Calvary	Mrs. Teresa Payne	Route 1 Box 7,	Hiddenite NC 28636	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,303			
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Melinda Chapman	Route 5 Box 229,	Taylorsville NC 28681	48,023	13,236	1,596	5,001	4,575	8,725	18,463			
Grace	Mrs. Vicki Smith	109 Perch Rd.,	Granite Falls NC 28630	19,926	12,503	3,069	0	2,049	1,955	644			
Hiddenite	Mr. Robert Hendren	Route 2 Box 18,	Hiddenite NC 28636	10,155	5,900	2,000	500	234	1,284	1,452			
Lebanon	Mrs. Susan Ferguson	Route 4 Box 451,	Taylorsville NC 28681	10,856	6,355	1,200	918	901	1,482	13,465			
Linney's Grove	Mrs. Donna Millsaps	Rt. 1 Box 132-A,	Hiddenite NC 28636	2,802	0	1,000	0	460	762	940			
Little River	Miss Suzanne Goble	Route 5 Box 694,	Taylorsville NC 28681	10,739	427	2,604	1,174	572	5,962	0			
Macedonia	Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	Route 1 Box 105,	Stony Point NC 28678	4,228	1,480	305		523	1,908	7,704			
Millersville	Mrs. Linda Clanton	118 Clanton Drive,	Taylorsville NC 28681	47,719	33,064	1,800	643	2,730	5,882	3,600			
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Linda Hatton	Route 2 Box 324,	Taylorsville NC 28681	1,242	0	712	0	178	352	1,750			
Mr. Herman	Mrs. Rita Brewington	445 Lynell St. NW,	Taylorsville NC 28681	32,956	22,137	4,188	848	2,163	3,620	0			
Mr. Olive	Mrs. Sandra Lowrance	Rt. 2 Box 98-A,	Moravian Falls NC 28654	2,966	359	200	200	501	1,000	1,008			
Pilgrim	Mrs. Colleen Campbell	115 Davidson Ct.,	Taylorsville NC 28681	4,300	0	430	1,950	0	1,920	0			
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Carol Deal	Route 5 Box 12,	Taylorsville NC 28681	18,336	6,900	2,700	0	2,131	3,478	8,943			
Smyrna	Mrs. Patsy Robinson	102 Heesle Cline Lane,	TaylorsvilleNC28681	25,527	17,663	3,967	309	1,228	1,818	16,874			
Stony Point	Mrs. Claudia Morrison	884 Scotts Creek Rd.,	Statesville NC 28677	38,524	16,765	10,450	920	3,678	6,711	3,549			
Taylorsville First	Miss Lucy Echeard	406 Third St SW,	Taylorsville NC 28681	23,533	14,510	3,348	788	1,415	1,918	11,559			
Three Forks	Mrs. Joann Bean	11 Luther Stafford Ave,	TaylorsvilleNC28681	67,072	23,000	4,000	5,000	7,090	14,456	33,229			
TOTALS				471,232	240,840	52,552	21,738	38,114	81,631	135,946			
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS				631,672	239,473	57,275	15,405	31,282	71,018	155,851			

TABLE H SPECIAL INFORMATION												
Association Alexander Baptist Association State North Carolina												
	YEAR ENDING Sept. 30, 1996 (Month & Day)											
	CHURCHES											
	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
	AM Worship Serv. Att.	PM Worship Serv. Att.	Church-Related Voc.	Senior Adult Ministry	Mission Project Vol.	Support Groups	Evangelistic Visit (Y/N)	Bible Study Other Times (Y/N)	SS Workers' Meeting (Y/N)	Assoc. Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	Intercessory Prayer (Y/N)	Community Ministries (Y/N)
Antioch	290	79	0	25	6	0	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Bethlehem	372	130	0	27	22	1	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Beulah	65	40	0	0	0	0	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Calvary	296	204	1	0	0	0	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
East Taylorsville	421	225	0	25	20	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grace	135	90	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hiddenite	201	46	0	10	30	0	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Lebanon	150	50	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Linney's Grove	100	0	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Little River	180	0	0	0	0	0	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Macedonia	105	60	0	0	0	0	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Millersville	257	165	3	0	7	0	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Mountain Ridge	60	40	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mt. Herman	176	48	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Mt. Olive	87	0	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Pilgrim	93	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Pleasant Hill	131	0	0	0	9	1	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Smyrna	140	75	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Stony Point	182	125	4	0	25	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Taylorsville First	150	49	1	7	0	1	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Three Forks	325	0	3	8	62	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOTALS	3,916	1,426	12	102	183	4						
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	3,686	1,109										

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		Total Baptisms	Other additions	Total Membership	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment/Participation	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Church Debt
NAME OF CHURCH																
Antioch	Alexander	14	22	624	358	161	0	108	116	20	290,254	65,177	14,914	5,983	1,151,200	0
Bethlehem	Alexander	26	65	819	179	255	92	165	58	103	167,092	35,651	20,100	3,000	1,950,000	311,000
Beulah	Alexander	1	6	235	163	0	0	26	0	0	31,935	1,200	1,200	0	175,000	0
Calvary	Alexander	5	18	335	203	0	0	163	0	0	261,610	0	0	0	565,000	85,000
East Taylorsville	Alexander	168	27	1316	718	0	116	132	10	10	172,798	18,023	13,236	1,596	2,582,355	0
Grace	Alexander	6	10	170	170	78	0	78	51	60	137,255	19,926	12,503	3,069	181,600	0
Hiddenite	Alexander	6	4	280	116	102	68	66	61	18	116,513	11,617	5,990	2,000	850,000	235,000
Lebanon	Alexander	1	1	196	83	86	0	57	0	0	111,157	10,956	6,355	1,200	925,000	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander	2	1	215	95	78	0	110	0	0	17,105	2,802	0	1,000	185,000	0
Little River	Alexander	2	2	319	129	121	92	105	10	0	186,539	10,739	127	2,604	165,000	0
Macedonia	Alexander	0	2	269	125	117	0	50	37	10	82,125	1,228	1,180	305	800,000	0
Millersville	Alexander	35	13	702	192	291	0	71	111	16	321,207	51,391	33,064	1,800	1,662,100	160,657
Mountain Ridge	Alexander	0	0	114	37	50	0	15	0	0	36,231	1,212	0	712	310,000	0
Mt. Hermon	Alexander	7	2	262	111	71	0	91	51	11	156,816	156,816	22,137	1,188	981,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander	6	3	114	50	31	0	23	13	0	15,865	2,966	359	200	320,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander	2	1	207	86	76	0	57	0	0	67,576	1,300	0	130	700,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	9	1	327	155	89	0	31	12	0	125,691	18,386	6,900	2,700	1,000,000	0
Sayma	Alexander	39	6	279	127	89	0	59	18	0	136,386	25,527	17,663	3,967	300,000	0
Stony Point	Alexander	6	11	623	359	206	16	105	59	28	225,178	38,521	16,765	10,150	115,000	55,663
Taylorsville, First	Alexander	2	1	604	210	235	0	79	38	20	268,994	23,533	11,510	1,316	1,600,000	90,990
Three Forks	Alexander	22	28	708	189	175	134	115	113	30	355,032	67,072	23,000	1,000	1,800,000	0
TOTALS		242	233	8594	1313	2111	818	1672	793	189	1,973,959	600,276	210,810	52,552	20,121,555	961,310
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		221	230	8111	1553	2283	1061	1557	771	682	1,101,501	631,672	239,173	57,275	19,093,355	737,202

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110TH ANNUAL SESSION

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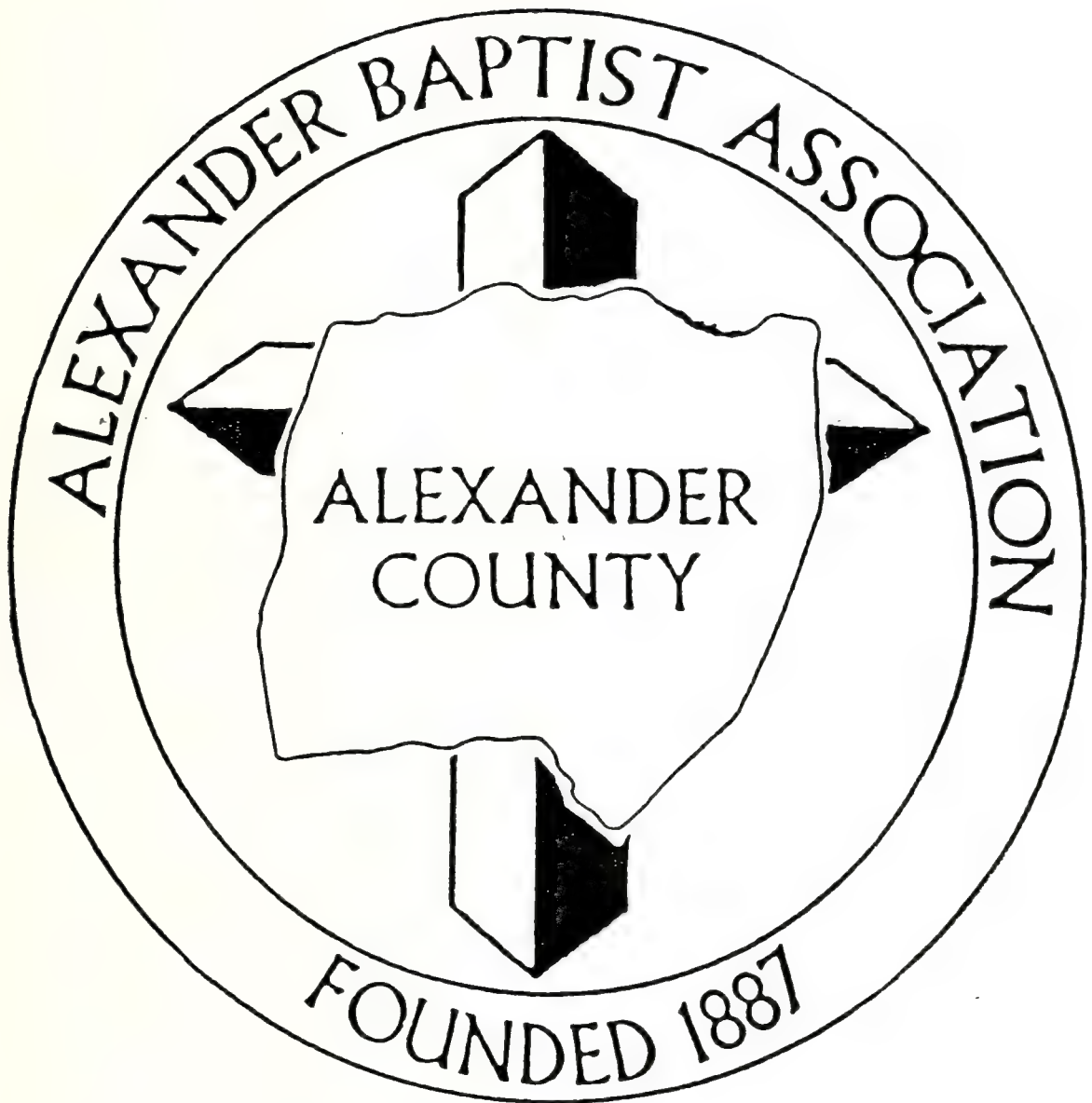
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**REV. CHARLIE FOUCHE
Annual Sermon**

**REV. RICHARD BRUNSON
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(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Acts 1:8)

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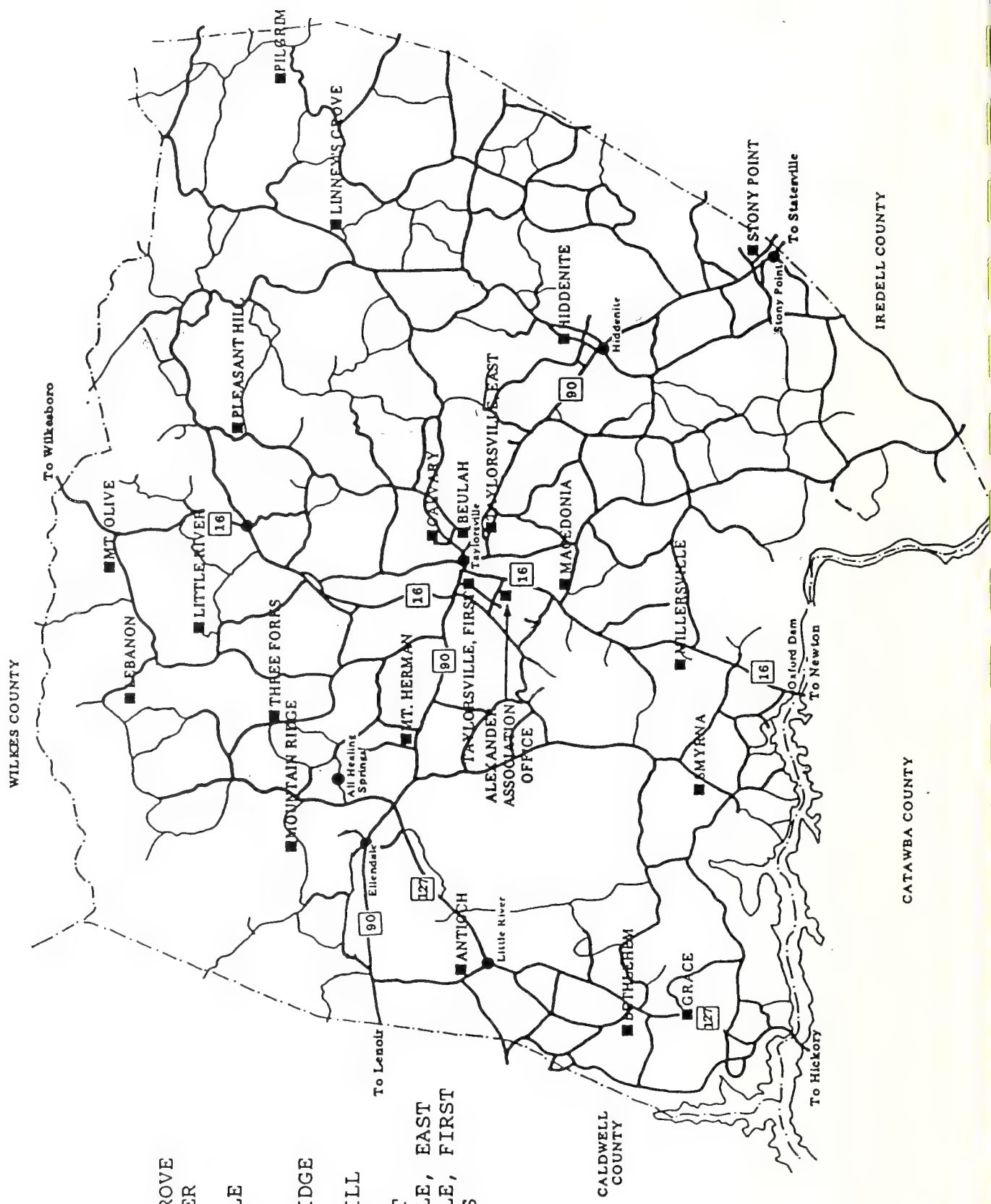
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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

- ANTIOCH
- BETHLEHEM
- BEULAH
- CALVARY
- GRACE
- HIDDENITE
- LEBANON
- LINNEY'S GROVE
- LITTLE RIVER
- MACEDONIA
- MILLERSVILLE
- MT. HERMAN
- MT. OLIVE
- MOUNTAIN RIDGE
- PILGRIM
- PLEASANT HILL
- SMYRNA
- STONY POINT
- TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
- TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
- THREE FORKS



**Minutes
of the
One Hundred-Tenth Annual Session
of the
ALEXANDER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
NORTH CAROLINA**



Next Semi-Annual Session

**PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
March 26, 1998**

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
October 1, 1998
(Morning)**

**BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH
October 1, 1998
(Evening)**

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We, the Alexander Baptist Association, DEDICATE THE MINUTES OF OUR 110th ANNUAL SESSION IN HONOR of MISS EMILYN WAGNER. Miss Wagner is a graduate of Taylorsville High School, Lenoir-Rhyne College, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. She has served in so many capacities in church work that it is impossible to list them all. Here are highlights:

Church Educational Director and Secretary at: Memorial at Williamston, NC; First Baptist at Newton, NC; Clanton, Alabama; and Gadsden, Alabama.

Served as Secretary to the President of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceful, Florida.

Summer Student Missionary (VBS) in Richmond, VA; Choctaw Indians, Mississippi; Alexander County during which time she conducted the first VBS at Bethlehem. Served as Director and teacher from 1962 to 1997.

Served in Christian Service Corp 1966-1975, Home Mission Board, New York City (Polish Church) Buffalo, NY; and in New Hampshire, Maine, PA, SC. Also in Texas with Mildred McWhorter 1989 and 1992.

She helped Foreign Missionaries for more than 15 years with typing, duplication and mailing missionary letters for Bill and Nancy Hern (Jordan) and Evelyn Schwartz (Indonesia). She shipped over 200 used hymnals to Alma Rohm (Nigeria).

Public School Teacher in Winecoff, Concord, NC, Grace Chapel (Caldwell County) and Hiddenite School 24 years.

Activities at Bethlehem Church since 1962 include: Teacher: Senior Adult Ladies (15 yrs.), New Member Class, Kids of the Kingdom; WMU Director, Senior Adult Activities Director, VBS Director and Teacher, Dir. Junior S.S. Dept. Dir. Intermediate S.S. Dept., Junior and Intermediate S.S. Teacher, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Training Director, Nominating Committee, Pastor Search Committee, Trainer for Children's Bible Drill with the help of the History Committee - wrote and published Bethlehem Baptist Church History - 1995.

Emilyn served faithfully as Clerk to Alexander Baptist Association from 1986 and plans to retire from this position in 1998.

Delivered Meals on Wheels once a month. Volunteer at the Hiddenite Center once a month. She still visits some nursing home patients weekly at Shady Rest Home and Valley Nursing Center.

In 1997 Miss Wagner was bestowed the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service.

In Memoriam

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Mr. Elijah Austin
Mrs. Sue Austin-Organist
Mr. Ray Benfield
Mr. Hoyle Keller
Mrs. Mamie Meadlock
Mrs. Edna Montgomery
Mrs. Blanche Richey
Mrs. Garnie Teague

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Mr. Josef Cotuna
Mr. Maynard Hefner-Deacon
Mrs. Bertha Johnson Herman

BEULAH

Mr. Shuford Brown
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Mrs. Anna Mae Crutchfield
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Mr. David Jolly
Mrs. Nell Lowe
Mrs. Denise Lofland Mitchell
Mr. Erbie Steele
Mrs. Thelma Watts

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Mrs. Irene J. Robinette
Mrs. Pearl B. Stickle
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Mrs. Wave Bumgarner

LINNEY'S GROVE

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Mr. Ted Pennell
Mrs. Tina Salter
Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Former Pastor

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Mr. Willard Meadlock

MT. OLIVE

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Mr. Sam Davis
Mrs. Louis Lowe

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Mrs. Lucille Burgess
Mr. David Deal
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Miss Betty Wike

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Ms. Gladys Kerley
Mr. Bob McKee
Ms. Suma Watts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Heard reports of the various committee chairmen and Missions Performance Council Directors. It was noted that the Bible Course was going well with about \$28,000 in the bank. Later the fund surpassed \$30,000. Thanks to all our 17 churches that contributed donations to this fund. The Missions Blitz - "In Jesus' Name" was held on April 19 with about 300 persons participating from many of our churches - it was a great success!

Action was taken to update and upgrade the copier, to purchase a new computer, Fax machine and a folding machine - all this was accomplished. The old computer is being used by our capable, energetic and enthusiastic Volunteer Church and Community Ministries Director, Mary Ashe. The Interim Director of Missions, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator were elected to come up with a plan to study the feasibility of our Association.

The Association formally received with thanksgiving and gratitude, the gift of a 15 passenger 1980 Dodge Van from Bethlehem Baptist Church. Our Association sponsored a Fair Ministry booth at the Alexander County Fair and an Apple Festival Ministry this past year. We had a Conversational English Training Program to help non-English speaking people to develop their English skills.

Worked, developed and started an Hispanic Ministry Mission with Rev. Reynaldo Cantu of Granite Falls as pastor. They met at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, in the Fellowship Hall weekly. This mission is co-sponsored by First Baptist Church, our Association, and the Language Department of our Baptist State Convention.

Approved the 1997-98 Volunteer Selection Committee Report as well as the 1997-98 Proposed Budget. Approved recommendation that allows Bill Goble, Director of Missions, to earmark \$400 per month of his salary for housing.

Started a 30 minute program on Radio B-86 for our Hispanic Mission Pastor. Our van is being used by several of our churches for mission trips, recreational trips, etc. as well as to visit and transport Hispanics to Bible Study and Worship.

The Key Leadership Conference was planned and conducted on September 11 with 100-125 persons in attendance in about 26 different workshops (seminars).

It was approved that the Associational change from September to August to correspond with the new church year as adopted by the SBC.

As Moderator for the Association I am pleased with the progress we have seen among the churches in their concern for the future of the association. The next six months will determine what steps we take to ensure the viability of our ministry together.

Two areas which have cemented our commitment to outreach has been Community Missions and our Hispanic Mission. The completion of our viability study to be reported at the Spring Session will reflect our continued commitment to Christ and His church through our cooperation together for focused ministry.

May we see the constant multiplication of the loaves and fishes as we reach out to a lost and eternally dying world.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
MODERATOR

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Fall Session - October 1, 1998

AM Session - Mountain Ridge Baptist Church

PM Session - Beulah Baptist Church

Spring Session - March 26, 1998

PM Session - Pilgrim Baptist Church



*Call to me and I will answer you
and show you great and mighty
things which you have not known.*

Jeremiah 33:3

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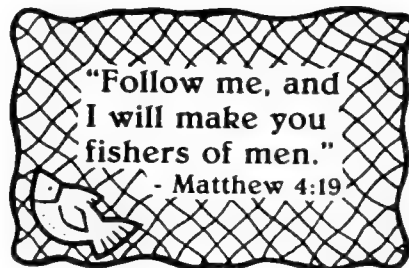
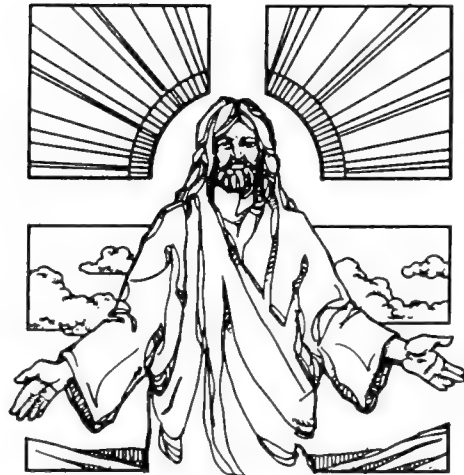
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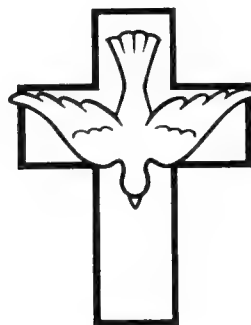


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"LIGHT YOUR WORLD"

Matthew 5:14,16; John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice-Moderator
Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director
Rev. Bill Goble, Interim Director of Missions
Rev. Reynaldo Cantu, Hispanic Mission Pastor

9:00 AM Hymn....."Heavenly Sunlight".....#472
Devotion, Prayer by Chairman of Deacons....Charles Teague
Welcome Charles Teague
Constitution of Session.....Rev. Gary Jennings
Roll Call of Churches, Clerk.....Miss Emilyn Wagner
Order of Business.....Mr. Kenneth Kerley
Recognition of New Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble, DOM
Recognition of Visitors.....Moderator
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Announcements.....Moderator

9:25 AM Hymn....."Sunshine in My Soul".....#447

9:30 AM Reports

NC Bapt.Children's Homes..Rev.Luther Osment, Asst to Pres
Memorial.....Clerk
Executive Committee.....Moderator
Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Budget and Finance/Adoption of Budget.....Kenneth Kerley
Interim Dir.of Missions/Calendar of Events.Rev.Bill Goble
Volunteer Selection Committee.....Cathy Hartness
Building & Grounds.....Dale Costner
Van Transportation.....Steve Mays
Ordination Examining.....Dewey Austin

Hymn....."Fairest Lord Jesus".....#48

Missions Performance Council

Missions Development - CCM Director.....Mary Ashe
Sunday School.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Discipleship.....Cathy Hartness
WMU.....Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood.....Bob Brewington
Music.....Chip Holden
Youth.....Darren Davidson
Stewardship.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Extension.....Rev. David Giffin

Evangelism Council.....Rev. Kenneth Walters

Christian Life Commission.....Rev. Keith Childers

Hymn....."Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....#198
Annual Meetings, Place & Preacher.....Rev. Gary Jennings
Resolutions.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Misc. Business.....Moderator

11:00 AM

Hispanic Mission Report.....Sammy Davis, Chairman
Recognition of Rev. Reynaldo Cantu, Pastor

Speaker: Rev. John Jones, DIR. LANGUAGE MISSIONS, BSCNC

11:15 AM

Introduction of Speaker.....Moderator
Special Music....Randy Turner, Stony Point Baptist Church

Annual Sermon

REV. CHARLIE FOCHE
Pastor, MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sermon: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

12 Noon - Prayer of Thanksgiving - Adjourn for Lunch

Evening Session - 7:00 PM

LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH - TAYLORSVILLE
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator, Presiding

7:00 PM

Concert by Rev. Cantu & His Musicians - Hispanic Mission

7:20 PM

Devotion/Prayer...Rev. Keith Childers.....Host Pastor
Welcome by Host Pastor.....Rev. Keith Childers
Announcements.....Vice-Moderator
Recognition of Visitors/New Staff Members..Rev. Bill Goble
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Hymns....."To God Be The Glory".....#36
....."O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing".....#114
....."Majesty".....

7:55 PM

Missions Presentation.....Mary Ashe, CCM Director
Missions Testimonies.....Selected Volunteers

8:15 PM

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Mary Ashe
Special Music.....Steve Childers, Lebanon Baptist Church

Sermon....Rev. Richard Brunson, Baptist Men Director-BSCNC
Install Officers.....Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator

9:00 PM - Adjourn to Fellowship Hall for Refreshments

HISTORY OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Antioch Baptist Church was organized in 1826. Our association met with Antioch for the first time in 1888. Since that time Antioch has been host church ten times. We last met here in 1997 and the records show Antioch is very progressive.

The church is now involved in a program of renovations and additions to the educational facilities. The music program involves all ages and this is the third year of Antioch's presentation of the Easter musical drama, "He's Alive". The church purchased a new sanctuary organ in 1989 with a gift from the late John Teague. Also a three octave set of handbells was purchased with memorial gifts in memory of little Brook Powell and Mark Bowman, Jr. At present there is an adult and youth handbell choir. In 1987 a tape ministry for the homebound was begun and this continues on a weekly basis.

Antioch has been very active in participating in the Sao Paulo North Carolina Partnership in Brazil. Rev. Dennis Spivey and Rev. Ellis Fulbright were part of the survey team for this partnership. Four other church members have gone to Brazil and participated in this ministry, and for the past three years groups have gone to New York. Others have helped financially.

Antioch has established a Christmas tradition and is known far and wide for the Living Christmas pageant that it produces each December. This pageant consists of ten outdoor scenes with scripture and dramatization which has drawn over 20,000 people.

Antioch Baptist Church is very well organized for Mission Study and Mission Action.

The Charlie A. and Nellie B. Caldwell Scholarship Fund was established in 1991 to provide financial assistance to members of Antioch who enrolled as full time students in an accredited college or university.

Since the Association met here in 1984, Nathaniel Austin and Mark Hollar have been ordained and are serving in North Carolina. Mike Clawson and Randy Kirby serve in South Carolina. Rev. Dennis Spivey served the church as pastor from 1979 to 1991. Rev. Edward Bolen served from 1993 to 1997.

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

HISTORY OF LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Lebanon Baptist Church was organized on March 29, 1884 with 41 charter members. At that time churches in this area belonged to the Brushy Mountain Association. In 1887 Lebanon was one of the thirteen churches that met at Macedonia and organized the Alexander Baptist Association. The Association met here for the first time in 1900, then again in 1911, 1956, 1969, 1979, and 1991.

Nineteen (19) pastors have served Lebanon. These names are listed in the Minutes of 1956, 1969 and 1979. The present pastor, Rev. Keith Childers, began his ministry here in October 1984.

The church was rebuilt in 1943 and since that time the basement has been remodeled and new Sunday School added. New pews and pulpit furniture were purchased and air conditioning installed. In October 1982 a new Fellowship Hall and Educational Building was built. In the fall of 1997 a new picnic area and playground was put in place.

In July 1983 three acres of land was purchased adjoining Bumgarner Cemetery. In 1984 the church celebrated its 100th year of service. In 1988 the church voted to enlarge the sanctuary, and this was completed in 1990.

A Right to Life weekday program aired on Radio Station WACB 860 AM, Taylorsville, called "Pro-life Perspective" was started in 1995.

Lebanon presently has a total membership of 194.

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

Proceedings
of the
One Hundred-tenth Annual Meeting
of the
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
October 23, 1997

FIRST SESSION: ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, October 23, 1997 - 9:00 AM
THEME: "Light Your World"
Matthew 5:14,16; John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46

1. The First Session of the 110th Annual Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, on Thursday, October 23, 1997, beginning at 9:00 AM.

2. Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight", accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Robertson, of Antioch Baptist Church, pianist.

3. The Moderator welcomed those present for the Annual Association Meeting.

4. Mr. Dewey Austin, Chairman of Deacons, Antioch Baptist Church, used Acts 26:18 and Matthew 5:14 as the basis of his devotional message on "Light Your World", and led in prayer.

5. Mr. Dewey Austin welcomed those present to Antioch Church, and then "did some housekeeping" - gave directions about the facilities.

6. Moderator, Rev. Gary Jennings, called to order the 110th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association for the transaction of business.

7. Clerk, Miss Emilyn Wagner, called the roll of churches - 19 churches were represented. She recognized 17 clerks who sent their Church Profiles in, accurate and on time.

8. Rev. David Giffin, of First Baptist Church, made a motion that we use the printed program as the order of business, with only few minor changes. Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor, Lebanon Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it passed by raised hands.

9. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, recognized the new pastors and staff members. New pastors present were Rev. Darren Lambert, Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Rev. Bill Orren, Pastor of Millersville Baptist Church; and Rev. Jeff Chapman, Pastor of Little River Baptist Church. Rev. Reynaldo Cantu is the pastor of the new Emmanuel Baptist Hispanic Mission. New pastors not

present were Rev. John Gray at Grace Baptist Church, and Rev. Monty Mathis, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church - he is attending Fruitland Baptist Institute. Three churches are without pastors at this time - Antioch, Taylorsville First Baptist, and Three Forks. Please remember them in prayer.

Rev. Mark Robinette is not new to the Association but is the new Associate Pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church.

New staff members present were Rev. Mitchell King, Associate Pastor, Youth and Outreach of Stony Point Baptist Church; Rev. Craig Hamlin Associate Pastor of East Taylorsville Baptist Church; Rev. Darren Davidson, Minister of Youth of East Taylorsville Baptist Church; and Rev. Jeff Bowden, Associate Pastor, Minister of Education and Senior Adults of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Rev. Goble then asked all pastors to stand. He expressed thanks for the work they were doing in the churches where God had placed them. Other staff members present but had not been recognized - Rev. Chip Holden, Minister of Music of East Taylorsville Baptist Church and Mrs. Shirley Lackey, Minister of Music of Stony Point Baptist Church.

10. Rev. Jennings recognized two visitors who were present.

11. In the absence of the Association Historian, whose son is ill, Rev. Bill Goble read a History of Antioch Baptist Church.

12. There were no announcements so the congregation sang the hymn, "Sunshine in My Soul", under the leadership of Rev. Chip Holden.

13. Reports were given:

(1) Rev. Luther Osment, Assistant to President of North Carolina Baptist Retirement Homes, brought greetings from the staff and residents. He then gave a short report of the locations, work and activities of the Retirement Homes, and thanked the churches for the support they have given.

(2) A representative the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, brought greetings, and thanked the people for their help with the Children's Homes during the years. He gave a short report of their work.

(3) The Clerk began the Memorial Service by reading Revelation 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The members of the church were asked to stand as the list from the church was read, and Rev. Jeff Bowden led in prayer.

(4) The Moderator made a motion to adopt Executive Committee's Report found on pages 2 and 12 in the Book of Reports. It was seconded by Rev. David Giffin, of First Baptist Church. After Rev. Jennings spoke to the information given by the Association Listening Committee, The motion passed by voice vote.

(5) Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, and moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded by Joe McDuffie, from Little River Baptist Church, and passed by raising the right hand.

(6) The Moderator, in the absence of Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator, whose son is ill, presented the Budget/Finance Committee report and moved its adoption. Rev. Jeff Chapman seconded the motion. Churches were encouraged to give more to it. After some questions and discussion, it carried by a voice vote.

(7) The Interim Director's Report was given by Rev. Bill Goble, DOM - see his written report in the Book of Reports. Rev. Goble then called attention to the "Digest of Letters" - the back last page in the "Book of Reports" - you will see some of the items that were reported on the Church Profile sent from your church. There was an increase in the total enrollment in Bible Schools this year, Discipleship Training has increased, WMU enrollment has increased, we gave more to our total missions offerings this year, Cooperative Program giving is up, Associational giving is up, and the rest of the items are less than last year. Let's work on those things that we need to improve on.

Rev. Goble presented the "1997-1998 Calendar of Activities for the Association". We did not print the State Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention calendars, but will include dates of events in the Association monthly newsletter those events that pertain to us. Rev. Bill Goble moved the adoption of the Calendar for the coming year, plus any other plans that come to our attention during the year. Rev. Terry Ashe, Pastor of Hiddenite Baptist Church, seconded the motion. Additional items added were the Marriage Enrichment Conference and Concert of Saturday, September 5, 1998; the Association Bible Drill, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Sunday, April 5, 1998, 6:30 P.M.; and Association Ministers and Wives Conference at Hiddenite Baptist Church, November 17, 1997, 6:30 P.M. With the additions, the Calendar was adopted by raising the right hands.

(8) The Moderator called attention to the Volunteer Selection Committee Report. It was adopted at the Spring Meeting so the leaders could go for training at Ridgecrest in May.

(9) The Annual Meetings Committee planned the 1998 meetings of the Association:

Spring Session: March 26, 1998 - Pilgrim Baptist Church

Fall Sessions: October 1, 1998

A.M. Session - Mountain Ridge Baptist Church

P.M. Session - Beulah Baptist Church

(10) A Time, Place, and Preacher LCommittee needed to be selected to plan for future meetings of the Association. The Moderator asked that three people be nominated for the committee. Rev. Bill Orren, Rev. Jeff Bowden, and Dr. Kenneth Walters, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church. Rev. Mark Robinette moved that the nominations be closed, and they be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Rev. Bill Orren, and passed by voice vote. The committee will select their chairman.

(11) Rev. Terry Ashe, Pastor of Hiddenite Baptist Church, presented the Building and Grounds Committee report, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded, and passed by raising the left hand.

(12) The Moderator, in the absence of the chairman, presented the Van Transportation Committee report and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Rev. Mark Robinette, and passed by raising the right hand.

(13) The Ordination Examining Council report was presented by Mr. Wayne Austin, a member of the committee. He moved the adoption of the report. Mrs. Mary Ashe seconded the motion, and it passed by raised right hands.

14. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus".

15. Missions Performance Council Reports

(1) Mrs. Mary Ashe, Missions Development-CCM Director, thanked the group for having the privilege of serving as the CCM Director, and expressed appreciation for the support in the mission projects. She called attention to her written report. May 2 will be the Mission Blitz for 1998.

Mrs. Ashe called attention to the green sheet which tells of a new opportunity that is available. This year we are going to promote "In Jesus Name - Operation Christmas Spirit". We will support a toy store in our county for families who need assistance at Christmas. This is a combined effort with the Social Services, the Christian Crisis Center, the Salvation Army, and the churches to cordinate efforts to reach families, and to avoid all of these helping the same families and miss others. Churches were encouraged to collect Christmas gifts and bring them to the National Guard Armory December 16 and 17. Those receiving assistance will come in on December 18 and 19 to select toys. Please leave the price on the toys, or put the price on a sticker on the toy. People will be asked to pay 10 cents on the dollar. We feel ii is helpful to persons who come through to assist in giving gifts to the children. The money collected will be used to purchase food for the Christian Crisis Center so

those who are ministered to will minister. Lots of volunteers will be needed all four days. The Salvation Army is sending a box of food for each family, and they will be given a Bible and a salvation tract by our Association. Some one will be given the opportunity to share Christ with them at that point so the True Christmas gift of all be given. Organize your church so each age group will be considered when buying toys. Mrs. Ashe moved the adoption of her report.

(2) Dr. Terry Ashe, Sunday School - Director of the ACT of BTR, reported that very few people attend the central training programs. It's better for each church to have their own. Member of the ACT team is willing to help any church when they are asked. On January 29, 1998, there is a Sunday School workers recognition banquet planned. The special speaker will be Dr. James Royston, Executive Director of the N. C. State Baptist Convention. We are expecting lots of people to be present.

(3) Vacation Bible School comes under Sunday School so Dr. Terry Ashe called attention to that report. The goal is to have a Vacation Bible School in every church in 1998.

Dr. Ashe moved the adoption of ACT and Vacation Bible School reports.

(4) Mrs. Shirley Lackey, of Stony Point Baptist Church, in the absence of Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Director, called attention to the printed report of Discipleship Training. The goal is to assist churches in discovering discipleship needs. There were 8 children in the Children's Bible Drill from two churches. These went on to be State Winners.

(5) Mrs. Pat Heinefield, WMU Director, presented highlights from the printed report. Some very special events are planned for this coming year.

(6) Bob Brewington, Brotherhood Director, called attention to the printed report. It is not necessary to have an organization to do mission work, and he encouraged all men to be active in missions. There is always someone who needs help. This is also true of RA groups. Mr. Brewington encouraged attendance at the meeting to organize a Chapter of Habitat for Humanity next Monday night at the courthouse. Bob Brewington moved the adoption of the report and comments.

(7) Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, called attention to the printed report as he gave some of the highlights for the year. The next Music Camp will be June 1-5, 1998.

(8) Rev. Darren Davidson, Youth Director, called attention to the Association Youth Report. The Youth Council, composed of all the youth leaders of the churches, had a meeting planned for Thursday, October 30, 7:00 P.M.

(9) The Moderator, in the absence of Kenneth Kerley, Stewardship Director, called attention to the printed report. He reminded the group of the Association Money Management Seminar at Mt. Herman Baptist Church on Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 7-8. Mr. Ken Batts from the N.C. Baptist Convention will lead the Seminar.

(10) Rev. David Giffin, Chairman, gave the report of the Seminary Extension Council. Several qualified teachers are available. No courses are being taught at this time. Rev. Giffin moved the adoption of the report.

(11) Dr. Kenneth Walters, Director, called attention to the printed Evangelism Council Report gave some of the highlights found in it. We had a good response to the training for "Outreach Carolina" evangelism effort in September. As we begin a five-year evangelism effort "CELEBRATE JESUS 2000" this year, we center on prayer. We want to have every citizen of the county prayed for some time during this year.

(12) Rev. Keith Childers, Chairman, presented the report of the Christian Life Commission. We will be supporting the family values, and will try to keep you informed about impending legislature that affects our homes and moral values. Last week we made one decision to sponsor a Steve and Annie Chapman Seminar and Concert. All the churches in our Association and in the Rocky Face Association were contacted - a total of 20 are interested in supporting this effort. The Executive Committee, at the Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 16, voted to underwrite any shortfall not raised by the churches. The cost will be between \$4,000.00 and \$4,500.00. The Marriage Seminar will be held on Saturday, September 5, 1998, beginning at 1:00 P.M. at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. The Concert will be held there at 7:00 P.M. - all ages are invited.

Rev. Bill Orren seconded all the motions of the reports, and it passed carried by voice vote.

16. The congregation sang the hymn, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", under the leadership of Rev. Chip Holden.

17. Rev. Gary Jennings called attention to the Time, Place, and Preacher report, which was taken care of this year by the Annual Meeting Committee. Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, moved that we accept the report. Rev. David Giffin seconded the motion, and it passed by raising the right hand.

18. Miss Lucy Echerd, Chairman, presented the Resolutions Committee report. She moved the adoption of the report, Rev. Keith Childers seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

19. Miscellaneous Business

(1) Dr. Kenneth Walters made a motion that the 1997 Minutes be dedicated to Miss Emily Wagner. She has served this Association for eleven years as clerk. It was seconded by Rev. Bill Goble, and passed by voice vote.

(2) The Moderator reported that Associational needs to do two things as we continue to work on the Viability Report, to be presented to the Spring Session.

A. We need to extend Rev. Bill Goble's time of service until after the Spring Session of 1998.

B. We want to add five (5) members to the Associational Performance Committee, to make up the Viability Study Committee. We have twenty-one (21) churches in the Association. We may not have a member of every church, but we want to have a representative from a number of churches involved. We ask the Volunteer Selection Committee to name those 5 people as soon as possible, and add them to the Mission Performance Council to make that 21 members for the Feasibility Report. Rev. Bill Ooren made the motion, and it was seconded by Rev. David Giffin. Dr. Kenneth Walters, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, amended the motion to say - we extend Rev. Bill Goble's time at least until the Fall Session in October 1998. The amendment was seconded by Rev. Chase White, Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, and it passed by raised right hand. The motion as amended was voted on by raising the right hand, and it passed.

20. Rev. John Jones, Director of Language Missions, BSCNC, recognized Rev. Reynaldo Cantu and the work he is doing in our county. They have had five baptisms. Rev. Jones then spoke of the Language Churches in North Carolina. Across North Carolina we have 23 different language groups worshipping in Baptist churches, in 155 different places. He expressed thanks for the support of the Hispanic Mission in our association.

Rev. and Mrs. Cantu also expressed appreciation for the support given them, and ask that we remember to pray for them.

21. The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Charlie Fouché, Pastor of Mt. Herman Baptist Church, who preached the Annual Sermon.

22. Rev. Chip Holden introduced Mr. Randy Turner, from Stony Point Baptist Church, who presented the Special Music.

23. Rev. Charlie Fouche presented his sermon, "The Light of the World Is Jesus", as he used passages from John 1:1 through John 12:50. He closed his sermon with prayer.

24. Mr. Dewey Austin invited everyone to stay for lunch, and gave directions to the fellowship hall.

25. Rev. Gary Jennings led the closing prayer and gave thanks for the food.

SECOND SESSION - LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, October 23, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.
Dr. Kenneth Walters, Presiding

26. The Second Session of the 110th Annual Meeting was presided over by Dr. Kenneth Walters, in the absence of Kenneth Kerley, Vice-Moderator, whose son is ill.

27. Dr. Walters welcomed those present and introduced Rev. Reynaldo Cantu and his Hispanic musicians.

28. The Hispanic Band presented a thirty minute concert of Hispanic music and songs.

29. Dr. Walters thanked Rev. and Mrs. Cantu and the Hispanic musicians for the inspiring program.

30. Rev. Keith Childers, host pastor, read Matthew 5:14-16 as the basis for his devotional thoughts about "Lighting the World About You", and led in prayer.

31. The host pastor welcomed those present, and invited everyone to enjoy the fellowship after the meeting.

32. Announcements: The Money Management Seminar will be held November 7-8 at Mt. Herman Baptist Church, with Ken Batts, of Cary, as the leader. The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Antioch Church, Monday, November 3, at 7:00 P.M.

33. Dr. Walters welcomed the Hispanic musicians and the speaker we'll hear later as visitors present tonight.

34. New staff members introduced tonight were Ashley Evans, Minister to Students at Bethlehem Baptist Church and Miss Tammy Condrey, Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville. Dr. Walters welcomed these to our association

35. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, read the History of Lebanon Baptist Church.

36. Rev. Chip Holden lead the congregation in singing the hymns "To God Be the Glory", "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", and "Majesty."

37. Mrs. Mary Ashe, CCM Director, introduced the Program of Missions Reports and Testimonies:

(1) First Baptist Youth went to Holland, Kentucky, and lead a Vacation Bible School in the morning and help with a revival in the evening.

(2) East Taylorsville group went to New York led and in a Vacation Bible School, and also did some sightseeing.

(3) Youth from Hiddenite Baptist Church went to Bolivia, N. C. to roof a house.

(4) Three Forks Baptist Church took a large group to Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, to help build a church. Since they returned home they have sent money to help finish laying the brick.

(5) Bethlehem Baptist Church took cheer, food, shoes, and coats to Rowdell, West Virginia, to 100 families in December of last year. It is a very poor coal mining area. We hope to take supplies to 150 families this December.

(6) A report on the Mission Blitz was given by Dr. Kenneth Walters.

(7) Mrs. Mary Ashe closed the reports of being "lights for Jesus" in many places.

38. Mrs. Mary Ashe introduced the speaker - Rev. Richard Brunson, Baptist Men Director BSCNC.

39. Steve Childers, of Lebanon Baptist Church, presented special music, "Higher Ground."

40. Rev. Richard Brunson brought a message on being a reflection of God's love to people. He told a number of stories about people who share His Light through their services. 'let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

41. Mrs. Ashe thanked Rev. Brunson for the leadership he to the mission work in North Carolina.

42. Antioch gave a report of their mission trip to New York City where they taught English as a second language to new imigrants, they taught Bible School in the parks, and gave information about the local church.

43. Dr. Walters led the installation Service for the Association Officers and Leaders, and lead in prayer.

44. We adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for delicious refreshments.

Respectively submitted,

Emilyn Wagner, Clerk

The purpose of the Alexander Baptist Association under the leadership of the Holy Spirit shall be to inspire and encourage unity among the member churches in a spirit of brotherly love and cooperation, to strengthen existing churches, to promote fellowship and to establish more New Testament churches. In keeping with the Great Commission it is the intent of this association to accomplish our purpose through Christian Education, Evangelism, and Christian Social Ministries through the local churches and in cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and other cooperative Baptist bodies.

CLERK'S REPORT

Thanks to the following clerks who completed their church letters accurately and returned them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mrs. Beatrice Bellamy	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Tina A. Deal	-	Beulah Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda D. Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Paul Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Susan Ferguson	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Mrs. Donna H. Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Wanda Starnes	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Linda F. Horton	-	Mountain Ridge Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mrs. Colleen Campbell	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Tootsie Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville, First Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of regular and special activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the church you serve.

Sincerely,

Emilyn Wagner
ASSOCIATION CLERK

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Miles traveled: 3,591. Work on field: 120 days, 141 services in all 21 of our churches. Spoke in four churches on North Carolina Missions Offering. Preached in a number of our churches (thank you). Conducted January Bible Study and Prayer Meetings in a number of our churches, attended two Minister Ordination Services, visited some pastors and families in homes and hospitals, worked with a number of Pastor Search Committees.

Some important events and accomplishments this past year:

1. Began new Hispanic Mission April 27, 1997 with support from Alexander Baptist Association, Language Dept. of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and First Baptist Church sponsoring Church and Meeting Place. Bible Study held on Fridays at 7:00 PM and Sunday Worship Service at 3:00 PM with Rev. Reynaldo Cantu as pastor.
2. Mission Blitz - Organized by CCM Director, Mary Ashe, about 300 participated from a majority of our churches - conducted on April 17.
3. Continuation of the Bible Course at Alexander Central High School - two classes being taught by Rev. Dennis Spivey.
4. Key Leadership Conference - with 28 Leadership Workshops provided. Attendance was between 100 to 125.
5. Van use was provided for several churches, for the Hispanic Mission's visitation and transportation, and several secular organizations (non-profit).
6. Promoted: Cooperative Program, Cooperative Missions, NCMO, Calendar of our Association, the NCBSC and the Southern Baptist Convention.
7. The Associational Office is now well equipped with upgraded copier, new folding machine, and upgraded phone equipment with two lines, including Fax line.
8. Kyle Matthews Concert and meal for Youth and Youth Leaders.
9. Quarterly Executive Committee Meetings.
10. Many other committee meetings as were needed.

Pray - for our non-cooperating pastors and churches that they will see the need of cooperation and fellowship with other brother pastors, and sister churches of our association. Let's work, worship and accept what the association offers in terms of resources, consultations and training, and serve the Lord together! As someone aptly put it, **"Team Work-Together we achieve the extraordinary with God's Guidance and Power"**. Let us be partners in mission and ministry!

Pray - for our Hispanic Mission Ministry and Pastor Reynaldo Cantu and for his wife, Juanita.

Pray - for me, your Director of Missions, and for Bobbi Glass, our capable Secretary/Treasurer, and for Mary Ashe, our committed Volunteer Church and Communities Ministries Director. Call on her to assist your congregation in local mission ministries.

Pray - for our Association that it will continue to support our congregations. Remember that the association is a support system for the churches so they can become mission outposts - so they can become "Great Commission Congregations." The Association is a center for training, resources, and consulting.

Pray - for the N. C. Baptist State Convention to be held November 10-12 at the Winston-Salem Coliseum. Election of Convention Officers and election of a new Executive Director of the NCBSC - the nominee is Dr. James H. Royston.

We hope to have a "Toy Store Ministry" this Christmas, another Missions Blitz, another Key Leadership Conference which will offer numerous training opportunities and to have some more ministries this coming year.

Thank you congregations for your prayerful and financial support! Let us help support your church in making disciples for Christ and to mobilize maturing believers out into the world with the Gospel. Amen!

God bless you as we serve with Him and for Him - together!



Bill Goble

INTENTIONAL INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

EMMANUEL BAPTIST HISPANIC MISSION REPORT

The Emmanuel Baptist Hispanic Mission began holding services on Sunday, April 27, 1997 in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Taylorsville. Rev. Reynaldo Cantu is serving as Pastor of the mission as well as Pastor of the Hispanic Mission in Granite Falls. The mission is co-sponsored by First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, our Association, and the N. C. Baptist State Convention. Some of our churches are helping to support the mission including East Taylorsville, Three Forks, Millersville and Mt. Olive.

The average attendance is currently about 20 for the afternoon Sunday Worship Service. The Friday night Bible Study attendance is somewhat less than 20. Mr. Randy Frantz of East Taylorsville Baptist Church assists Pastor Cantu in visitation and transportation. The Associational van is also used for visitation and transportation.

Pastor Cantu is excited about the possibilities of reaching his people with the gospel and for our Lord Jesus Christ. He has baptized five persons and three more have been saved, perhaps awaiting baptism. Let's pray for the continued success of this mission! It is coming along well at the present.

Most Hispanics have a Roman Catholic background and it is difficult to reach them with the gospel. With the fervent preaching of Pastor Cantu and the stirring Hispanic music presented by his band of 5 or 6 instruments, people are beginning to respond. Thanks be to God for this mission to help reach the more than 2,000 Hispanics in Alexander County!

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Davis, Chairman
EMMANUEL BAPTIST HISPANIC MISSION

RESULTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS
SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

There were eight responses to the invitation to share their concerns with the leadership of the Association during the Key Leadership Conference.

TO SUMMARIZE THE FINDINGS:

One definitely felt we needed our own association.

One felt a part-time Director of Missions may better meet our needs over a full-time director.

Two felt the Association should dream about the future with one possibility being a Youth Center. *"With a YMCA being considered it might be that our Association could work in that direction." (*Moderator's comment)

Three felt we needed more unity and participation between churches and pastors. The need for support, education and instant help with curriculum and/or in visual help were used as examples. We need events to draw our people together. Pastors who have never attended should receive personal invitations, and each pastor should be asked for "chat" information personally.

One felt the future is bright with challenge for our Association, also stating that English as a Second Language (ESL) was an important project for both the Hispanic Outreach and work among the Laotian population.

The Moderator's recommendation would be that we bring back a recommendation to the Spring Association Meeting to include as part of the Viability Study, the direction of the Association as to its existence, the DOM position, and a land use plan for the Associational property. The Associational Missions Performance Council would be charged with this responsibility.



Prayerfully submitted,

Gary W. Jennings
Moderator

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved by the Alexander Baptist Association in 110th Annual Session that we are grateful to God for another year in which we could serve Him.

We thank the members of Bethlehem, Antioch and Lebanon Churches for the warm hospitality and the delicious food we enjoyed.

We appreciate the wonderful leadership of the Director of Missions Bill Goble, Moderator Gary Jennings, Missions Development Director Mary Ashe, Secretary Bobbi Glass, and Clerk Emilyn Wagner.

We were blessed by the speakers and express our gratitude to the Program Committee for their planning of the sessions.

We pledge our continued effort to reach the Hispanics in our area and are thankful for the leadership of Rev. Reynaldo Cantu and wife, Juanita.

We have been challenged to be more dedicated to proclaim Jesus at home and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Echerd

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

On May 12 and 13, 1997 I had the privilege of attending the Stewardship Seminar of the Key Leadership Conference held at Ridgecrest Conference Center. This training was led by Mr. Ken Batts, Stewardship Director of the State Baptist Convention and included several areas of stewardship.

On May 29, 1997 the Alexander Associational Stewardship Conference was held at Harry Gant Steakhouse in Taylorsville. This conference was attended by approximately 20 people from several of our churches - and led by Mr. Ken Batts. On September 11, 1997 the Stewardship Council of the Association had a part in the Key Leadership Training held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Three churches had representation in the Stewardship Seminar.

Looking ahead, plans have been made for an Associational Money Management Seminar to be held Friday evening, November 7, 1997 and continuing on Saturday morning November 8 at Mt. Herman Baptist Church. This seminar will also be led by Ken Batts.

We are considering another Associational Stewardship Conference in the early spring.



Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL REPORT

The Media Library is here to serve our Association Churches. We update the library with books and videos we feel would be of interest to your church groups, committees, classes and individual members. A current list of videos is available.

We keep current copies of the following videos: Missions USA, Foreign Missions Update, Mandate, and On Mission with God. We are delighted that more of you have been "checking out" books and tapes and this certainly pleases us that we have something to offer you. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUT YOUR MEDIA LIBRARY!

Respectfully submitted,

MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL



ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1997-1998 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1997

- 3 - 5 N C Southern Baptist Secretary's Conf/Ridgecrest
6 Early '98 VBS Clinic for Assnl VBS Directors/
DOM's and Assnl Staff, 7-9 PM
Fairview Church, Statesville
6 Missions Development Council Meeting 7PM ABA
7 - 8 Christian Money Management Conf/Mt. Herman Church
Friday 7-9 PM; Sat. 9AM to Noon; Leader, Ken Batts
17 Pastors' Wives Conf. 6:30 PM, Hiddenite Church

DECEMBER 1997

- 4 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
Taylorsville First Church, Fellowship Hall
7 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
16 - 19 Associational Toy Store Ministry

JANUARY 1998

- 6 Pastors' Wives Conf. 6:30 PM, TBA
8 Secretaries' Fellowship Noon Hidden Crystal Rest.
17 Continuing Christmas Cheer, sponsored by WMU
Alexander Baptist Assn 9:00 AM
Three Forks Church, Family Life Center
29 Assn Sunday School Appreciation Banquet
6:30 PM, Three Forks Church, FLC
Speaker, Dr. James Royston, BSCNC

FEBRUARY 1998

- 7 Focus on WMU, sponsored by WMU Alexander Baptist
Assn, Millersville Church
Speaker, Barbara Joiner
12 Secretaries' Fellowship 12 Noon ABA
12 Christian Life Commission Meeting 7PM ABA
17 Valentine Banquet for Pastors/Wives/Staff sponsored by
Alexander Baptist Assn WMU, Bethlehem Church

MARCH 1998

- 1 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
5 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
Taylorsville First Church, Fellowship Hall
26 SPRING MEETING of the Association
7PM Pilgrim Baptist Church

APRIL 1998

5 Assn Bible Drill 6PM Bethlehem Church
9 Assn Stewardship Conference 6:30 PM Gant Steakhouse
30 Assn VBS Clinic 7PM Taylorsville First Church

MAY 1998

2 Missions Blitz
4 WMU Annual Meeting 6:30PM Stony Point Church
Speaker "Judessa", Pat Frazier
14 Secretaries' Fellowship 12 Noon ABA

JUNE 1998

1 - 5 Assnl Children's Music Camp
4 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
Taylorsville First Church, Fellowship Hall
7 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA

JULY 1998

AUGUST 1998

6 Christian Life Commission Meeting 7PM ABA
13 Secretaries' Conference 12 Noon ABA

SEPTEMBER 1998

3 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
Taylorsville First Church, Fellowship Hall
6 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
10 Key Leadership Conference
East Taylorsville Church 7PM

OCTOBER 1998

1 ANNUAL SESSION - 9AM Mountain Ridge
7PM Beulah Church
8 Secretaries' Fellowship 12 Noon ABA

* This calendar shows definite meeting dates. Other meetings which are tentative at this time are TBA (to be announced later).

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized under a brush arbor, a few yards west of the present building, on December 9, 1871. The 19 charter members came from Antioch Baptist Church. After several building programs, the present building was completed in 1985.

Bethlehem was admitted to the Alexander Baptist Association in 1889. At that time the membership was 75. Preaching was one Sunday each month. Records show Sunday School enrollment that year was 60 with total contributions for the year of \$37.05. In 1996-97 over \$500,000 was received by the church.

The church has grown from 19 members to 860 members. Two services are held each Sunday and one midweek prayer service. The church has an active WMU and includes Mission Friends, G.A., Acteens, and Ladies groups. They have a strong Brotherhood program for men and RA for boys. There is a large youth program and special programs in Discipleship Training.

Fourteen pastors have served during the 126 year history.

The Senior Adults are very active and meet each Wednesday morning for Bible Study. A church bus was purchased in 1991.

The church is very mission minded. Several members have gone on missions trips in America and around the world.

God has called at least six persons into the Christian ministry.

The church was incorporated in 1993.

Renovation of some of the educational building has recently been done to provide additional space to meet the demands of this growing church.

Bethlehem Church now has two new staff members, Jeff Bowden and Ashley Evans, to assist the current Pastor, Dr. Mark Tilley.

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

Proceedings
of the
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Spring Session

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, April 17, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.

THEME: Making a Difference Through
Community Missions..."In Jesus' Name"

1. The Spring Session of the 110th year of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Marion Powell, Moderator. The host church was Bethlehem Baptist Church.

2. Mr. Ron Vannoy, Music Director of the host church, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Set My Soul Afire." Mrs. Cathy McGinnis, of Bethlehem Baptist Church, served as pianist.

3. Dr. Mark Tilley, Host Pastor, welcomed those present. He introduced the two new members of the staff of the church - Rev. Jeff Bowden, Associate Pastor and Minister of Education and Senior Adults, and Ashley Evans, Minister to Students and Pastoral Care. Dr. Tilley invited everyone to go to the Fellowship Hall after the meeting for refreshments.

4. After reading John 1:35-41, Dr. Tilley brought some devotional thoughts on the theme, "Making a Difference Through Community Missions..."In Jesus' Name'," and led in prayer.

5. Rev. Marion Powell, Moderator, presented some thoughts on "One Person Making a Difference." He called the meeting to order and constituted the Spring Session of the 110th Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.

6. Miss Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches. There were 12 churches represented, with a total of 97 present.

7. Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Chairperson of the Volunteer Selection Committee, presented the Officers and Committees for 1997-1998. She called attention to three committees that have been added: Christian Life Commission, Hispanic Mission Committee, and Senior Adult Director. Then she moved the adoption of the report. Dr. Mark Tilley seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

8. Mr. Vannoy introduced the Bethlehem Baptist Church Ensemble, who presented the special music - "God Loves Us More Than Anything in This World" and "Lead Me Lord, I will Follow."

9. The Moderator expressed his excitement about the Hispanic Ministry that is being started. He reported that it has been estimated that between 1500 and 2000 Hispanics are living, parttime or fulltime, in Alexander County. Attached to the back of the program for tonight is a biographical information about Rev. and Mrs. Reynaldo Cantu.

10. Using the theme, "For Jesus' Sake," Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, gave information about the beginning of the Hispanic work in the Caldwell Association and the work that has been done toward beginning a Hispanic Mission in Alexander County. The Lord sent Reynaldo and Juanita Cantu to us. We are here to install Rev. Reynaldo Cantu as pastor. We have a recommendation that Our Association, the Baptist State Convention, and Taylorsville First Baptist Church establish a Mission on April 27 in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church has graciously agreed to furnish the facility and support them financially. Rev. Goble gave some information about them, and introduced the Cantus.

11. Rev. Reynaldo Cantu spoke to the group about his love of Jesus, and then Mrs. Juanita Cantu spoke. They sang a duet as Rev. Cantu played the guitar.

12. Rev. Marion Powell reported that the Hispanic Mission Committee recommends that Rev. Reynaldo Cantu be called as pastor, under the conditions given by the Director of Missions. Dr. Ken Walters, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, made the motion that Rev. Cantu be called as pastor of the Hispanic Mission. Rev. David Giffin, of Taylorsville First Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

13. As Rev. Powell led the installation service for Rev. Reynaldo Cantu, he quoted a poem that was used when he was commissioned into the ministry:

"Isn't it funny that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in saw-dust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity.

To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules.
And each must make ere life is flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

We believe you are going to be a stepping stone because of your compassion to see lost people come to know Jesus. The Moderator then led in a prayer of dedication.

14. Mrs. Mary Ashe, CCM Director for Alexander Baptist Association, led the second part of the missions emphasis. She was excited about talking of our working together "In Jesus' Name" in our Mission Blitz this Saturday. Mrs. Andrea Sisk, of Antioch Baptist Church, sang the new song dedicated two weeks ago in Atlanta in honor of the Ministry Section of the Home Mission Board.

Acts 1:8 has called us to be actively involved in God's work. How good it is that He has called us not in our talents, but in His! He has called us to volunteer. Mrs. Ashe introduced Angela Rogers, from Three Forks Baptist Church and a student at Appalachian University, who is a volunteer. She came to tell us of the joy it is to be a volunteer.

Angela Rogers read Colossians 3:15-17 as the basis of her message. She has a burden for the youth of this county, and at Appalachian University. So many of them have lost friends in recent weeks and months. Next Friday night, April 25, we are having a Youth Rally called, "One Way." A great program has been planned, and there's to be food. All youth are invited, and there's a need for counselors.

Mrs. Ashe reminded us that many say there is nothing they can do. That's what Moses said when God talked with him from the burning bush. God asked, "What is that in your hand?" He challenged Moses to use what he had in his hand, with the power of God, working hand in hand. God and Moses, working hand in hand were mighty in their deliverance of the Israelites living in Egypt.

What we do on Saturday will be God's work! As she presented items from her "Tool Box" Mrs. Ashe asks, "What is that in your hand?"

1. Hammer - Repairing homes
2. Mixer - Giving cheer to caregivers
3. Bible Story Book - Backyard Bible Clubs
- d. Blood Pressure Cuff - Help on Medical Bus
5. Broom - Clean a house
7. Coat - Organizing clothes in Crisis Center
8. Cooking Pot - Help with serving a meal at the Crisis Center
9. Cooler for a Car - Oil and Cooling checks

10. There's nothing in my hand - Then extend the hand in fellowship in the Prison Ministry
11. Heart - Visiting in Nursing Homes
12. Rake - Yard Work for elderly and disabled
13. A piece of wood - Deliver loads of wood
14. Lunch Box - Preparing and delivering lunch to those doing the other ministries
15. Peanut Butter - Collecting Food for the Crisis Center
16. Stuffed Animal - Being a child-care person so others can go

As we prepare for Saturday's work, we celebrate that Jesus has called us to be care givers. We are humbled that He will use us. We know that it is in His Power we go for His glory and His purpose. Matthew 10:42 says. "If anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will be rewarded."

Rev. Bill Goble led the Commissioning Service for those planning to work Saturday. As the closing for the service, Rev. Marion Powell led the congregation in singing the first verse of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Announcements: The Association Minutes are ready to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Office Secretary, has done a good job preparing them this year. They are larger print and are free.

After expressing appreciation to Bethlehem Church for serving as host to the Association Spring Meeting, Rev. Marion Powell expressed appreciation for having served a few months as Vice Moderator, and as Moderator since October 1996. He is retiring (and leaving the county). Rev. Gary Jennings, Pastor of East Taylorsville Baptist Church, is the new Moderator, and the Vice-Moderator is Mr. Kenneth Kerley, from Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

15. Mr. Ron Vannoy led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Make Me a Blessing."

16. Rev. Gary Jennings led the closing prayer.

17. The Postlude was played by Mrs. Cathy McGinnis as the group left the sanctuary to enjoy the refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Emilyn Wagner
Clerk

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our 1995-1996 Associational Mission Receipts from 19 of our 21 churches showed \$52,552.00. The record for this past year 1996-1997 was that 19 of 21 churches gave \$59,489.25 - a gain of \$6,937.25.

For 1996-1997:

6 churches gave the same
2 churches gave nothing
12 churches increased their gifts
1 church decreased their gifts

Contributions from our churches this year have been channeled to needful and useful ministries such as the upgrading of our Association Office - see Building and Grounds Committee Report..

We employed Pastor Rev. Reynaldo Cantu for the Hispanic Mission Ministry. See proposed budget elsewhere for Hispanic Mission Ministry.

Among several ministries during the year were a successful Mission Blitz conducted in the Spring of 1997 and a very inclusive Key Leadership Conference which was held in the fall of 1997 which included 27 workshops.

We believe that our Associational Missions Ministries are moving forward. We have accomplished some goals in our proposed budget that we hope will encourage our churches to increase their financial support and their level of giving so we collectively and cooperatively can better carry out our Lord's Great Commission. We believe that Associational Missions is continuing on the right track.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1997 - 1998**

<u>Salaries & Benefits</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 866.66	\$ 1,050.00
CCM Director	2,600.00	2,600.00
Travel (CCM Director)	.00	186.00
Christmas Bonus	150.00	150.00
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer	9,464.00	12,726.00
Secretary Insurance	2,118.00	2,188.40
Christmas Bonus	150.00	150.00
FICA Taxes	2,340.00	1,333.28
Director of Missions: Salary	12,000.00	6,257.00
Utilities/Housing	.00	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital)	.00	1,543.00
Annuity	.00	.00
<u>Operation Expenses</u>		
Utilities	2,500.00	3,100.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	4,000.00	7,000.00
General Supplies (Office Expenses)	2,500.00	3,300.00
Printing	1,500.00	-0-
Postage & Box Rental	1,800.00	2,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	750.00	1,250.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Worker's Comp., etc.)	900.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00
General Conferences & Seminars	800.00	500.00
Conventions (Director of Missions)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Travel (Director of Missions)	4,000.00	1,500.00
Flowers	125.00	125.00
Media Center	500.00	850.00
<u>Ministry Expenses</u>		
Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.)	400.00	400.00
Brotherhood	250.00	250.00
Discipleship Training	300.00	300.00
Evangelism	200.00	200.00
*Missions Development	1,500.00	3,500.00
*Music	400.00	900.00
Seminary Extension	250.00	250.00
*Stewardship	-0-	300.00
*Sunday School (Bible Teaching-Reaching)	300.00	2,500.00
Vacation Bible School	300.00	300.00
*Woman's Missionary Union	900.00	2,300.00
*Youth	400.00	1,000.00
Mission Projects (incorporated in Challenge Budget)	10,000.00	-0-
Non-Church Anticipated Income	11,000.00	13,916.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	1,000.00	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 77,763.66	\$ 82,524.68

Operating Budget - \$ 82,524.68
 * Challenge Budget - 13,916.00 - Non-Church
 (See Over)

SOME MAJOR ITEMS IN CHALLENGE BUDGET for 1997-98

Missions Development

<u>Mission Project</u>	<u>Planned For</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Mission Blitz	Spring	\$ 2,000
Hispanic VBS	Summer	200
Training/Tutoring Program	Fall	500
Toy Store	Christmas	0
Apple Festival Ministry	Fall	200
Fair Ministry	Fall	200
Christmas Parade	Christmas	400
	*	<u>3,500</u>

Music

Children's Music Camp	June 8-12	600
Sr. Adult or other group	T/B/A (if interest)	300
	*	<u>900</u>

Sunday School (Bible Teaching-Reaching)

Rally and Meal (For All Workers)		
Recognition, outstanding speaker		
Leadership Training, Materials	*	2,500

Stewardship

Money Management Seminar	Nov. 7-8, 1997	200
Stewardship Seminar	Spring	100
	*	<u>300</u>

WMU

Focus Event Barbara Joiner	Feb. 6	400
GA Day	May	200
Acteens	Spring	100
Annual Meeting	May	400
Leadership Training	Summer	350
Key Leadership	Fall	100
Assoc. Materials		250
Cont. Christmas Cheer		500
	*	<u>2,300</u>

Youth

Two major events		800
Training Workshops		200
	*	<u>1,000</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$ 10,500

Miscellaneous- DREAM LIST

Microsoft Office Software	450
Church Clip Art Software	250
Carpet	3,000
Microwave	300
Video Projector	3,000
Resource Library	3,000
Printer	300
	<u>\$ 10,300</u>

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
October 1, 1996 - August 31, 1997**

Savings as of August 31, 1997.....	\$ 2,431.96
Assoc. Office Relocation Fund as of August 31, 1997.....	2,610.88
Certificate of Deposit	59,078.65

Balance on Hand October 1, 1996.....	4,640.20
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	57,351.37
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>13,766.89</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 75,758.46

Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 59,818.35
Disbursement of Designated Funds (Secretary Fellowship).....	17.29
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>475.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 60,310.64

BALANCE ON HAND August 31, 1997.....	\$ 15,447.82
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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....\$ 7,658.86	Millersville.....\$ 1,600.00
Bethlehem.....2,750.00	Mt. Herman.....4,677.93
Beulah.....-0-	Mt. Olive.....150.00
Calvary.....-0-	Mountain Ridge.....645.60
East Taylorsville.....2,933.50	Pilgrim.....550.00
Grace.....3,906.39	Pleasant Hill.....2,475.00
Hiddenite.....2,000.00	Smyrna.....3,858.27
Lebanon.....1,200.00	Stony Point.....10,489.38
Linney's Grove.....750.00	Taylorsville First....3,342.90
Little River.....4,438.54	Three Forks..... <u>3,375.00</u>
Macedonia.....550.00	\$ 57,351.37

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt CCM Dir.....	\$ 2,594.00
BSCNC Coop Agt Hispanic Ministry Support.....	1,162.52
BSCNC Mission Projects.....	1,000.00
BSC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,001.17
NC Sales Tax Refund.....	168.14
Special Contributions.....	150.00
Auto Owners Worker's Comp. Ins. Refund.....	1,357.17
Mission Blitz Material Refund.....	63.00
B&L Telephone Reimbursement.....	103.73
Copies.....	8.00
Alexander Bible Curriculum Course.....	65.00
Mary Ashe, South Africa Trip.....	710.50
Kyle Matthews Youth Event.....	338.00
RA Racers.....	148.90
WMU ADTT Room Refund.....	108.00
NCWMU Offering, Women's Corr. Ctr., Raleigh.....	307.50
WMU School Supplies.....	105.00
Immanuel Hispanic Mission Offering.....	820.50

Hispanic Offering from Assoc Churches/Assoc Church Groups.....	1,191.68
Disaster Relief/Hurricane Fran.....	50.00
Children's Music Camp.....	317.28
Van Mileage.....	524.80
DOM Christmas Gift.....	475.00
	<u>\$ 13,766.89</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Hispanic Ministry.....	\$ 776.78
Annuity.....	260.00
Mileage.....	425.00
CCM Director.....	2,249.58
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary and Taxes.....	10,784.51
Secretary Insurance.....	1,094.19
FICA Taxes.....	1,070.90
DOM: Salary.....	5,098.75
Utilities/Housing.....	4,400.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	1,323.71

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 3,297.84
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	5,498.48
General Supplies (office expense).....	2,930.27
Printing.....	1,271.89
Postage and Box Rental.....	1,897.48
Repairs and Maintenance.....	4,403.91
Insurance (fire,theft,liability,Workers'Comp,etc).....	590.52
Miscellaneous.....	173.89
Conferences/Seminars.....	1,227.19
Conventions (Director of Missions).....	332.55
Travel (Director of Missions).....	1,062.39
Flowers.....	59.68
Media Center.....	309.00

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 268.79
Brotherhood.....	179.32
Discipleship Training.....	22.26
Missions Development.....	880.06
Music.....	280.59
VBS.....	50.86
WMU.....	1,065.36
Youth.....	400.00
Mission Projects-General.....	1,833.51
Mission Projects-Hispanic.....	655.41
Contingency Fund.....	300.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas).....	3,343.68
	<u>\$ 59,818.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON BUDGETED ITEMS

DOM Christmas Gift.....	\$ 475.00
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MUSIC COUNCIL REPORT

On June 9 - 13, 1997, the Associational Music Council sponsored a Children's Music Camp held at East Taylorsville Baptist and Stony Point Baptist with the performance held at Stony Point Baptist. We had a total of 33 kids and 3 adult leaders which was nine more than the previous year. The name of the musical was "The Amazing Scripture Memory Maze". All songs were straight from scripture. The scriptures that were sung and committed to memory were:

Psalm 100:4
Philippians 4:13
Matthew 6:33-34
John 14:6
Psalm 37:4
John 3:16
Proverbs 3:5-6
Ephesians 6:10-17
1 John 4:7-8

There were about 115 people present for the performance plus the 36 involved in the musical, giving us a total of 151.

On September 11, we were involved in the Associational Leadership Conference. Cards were sent and telephone calls were made to music directors in our Association reminding them of this event. Our conference was more of a resource information based on information given over the telephone. Churches that were represented were Macedonia Baptist, Stony Point Baptist, and East Taylorsville Baptist.

NOTE: Next CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP is JUNE 1-5, 1998!

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Holden
MUSIC DIRECTOR



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE

OF

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FOR

1997 - 1998

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Gary Jennings
Vice Moderator.....Kenneth Kerley
Clerk.....Emilyn Wagner
Parliamentarian.....Ken Walters
Secretary/Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Intentional Interim Dir. of Missions....Bill Goble
Church and Community Ministries Director.Mary Ashe
Hispanic Mission Pastor.....Reynaldo Cantu

STANDING COMMITTEES

HISTORY & DEDICATION OF MINUTES

Florrie Kerley, Chair
Emilyn Wagner
Treva Glass

TRUSTEES

Robert Austin
Gene Foy
Billy Millsaps

CHURCH

Antioch
Stony Point
Linney's Grove

TERM EXPIRES

1998
1999
2000

PERSONNEL

Tommy Hatton
Glennie Setzer
Joe McDuffie, Chair
Tony Fox
Ken Walters
Moderator

Mountain Ridge
Smyrna
Little River
Macedonia
Stony Point

1998
1998
1999
2000
2000

CREDENTIALS

Tom Seamone
Terry Ashe, Chair
Kenneth Kerley

Millersville
Hiddenite
Mt. Herman

1999
2000
2000

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bucky Foster, Chair
Edsel Mitchell
Dale Robertson

First Baptist
Little River
Antioch

1998
1999
2000

VOLUNTEER SELECTION

Cathy Hartness, Chair
Blayne Hollar

Stony Point
Antioch

1998
1998

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Van Tarlton	East Taylorsville	2000
Diane Fox	Millersville	2000
Moderator		

<u>DEACON CONSULTANT</u>	Blayne Hollar-Antioch	1998
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BUDGET/FINANCE (Missions Funding Development)

Steve Mays	Little River	1998
Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	1998
Kip Mace	Three Forks	1999
Mark Tilley	Bethlehem	1999
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Tim Keever	Hiddenite	1998
Joe McDuffie	Little River	1999
Keith Childers	Lebanon	1999
Rose Kerley	Mt. Herman	2000
Lucy Echerd	First Baptist	2000
Host Pastors (ex officio)		
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		

TIME, PLACE & PREACHER - 1998

Bill Orren, Jeff Chapman, Ken Walters

ORDINATION EXAMINING

Dewey Austin	Antioch	1998
John Hellard	Stony Point	1998
Terry Ashe, Chair	Hiddenite	1999
Mark Tilley	Bethlehem	1999

RESOLUTIONS

Martha Hines	Hiddenite	1998
William Wease, Chair	Linney's Grove	1999
Betty Lovette	Mt. Herman	2000

VAN TRANSPORTATION

Billy Pennell	Stony Point	1998
Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	1998

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

General Board.....Kenneth Walters.....1997-2000
(Nominated and elected by NC Baptist State Convention)

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION*

Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon
William Wease	Linney's Grove

Ruelene Deal	Millersville
Sandra Lowrance	Little River
Steve Campbell	Grace
Dale Costner	Pleasant Hill

*New Committee

HISPANIC MISSION COMMITTEE*

Sammy Davis, Jr., Chair	First Baptist
Clifford Ferguson	Three Forks
Randy Frantz	East Taylorsville
Pastor Jeff Chapman	Little River
Mrs. Roberta Goble	Mt. Herman
Moderator, ex officio	

SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR*

Luci Patterson	Pilgrim	1998
		1998

COUNCILS

WMU

Pat Heinefield
Kim Ashley
Virginia Austin
Crystal Belcher
Jackie Brittain
Sarah Mayberry
Tanya Sprinkle
Sharon Brewer
Debbie Little

OFFICE

WMU Director
Asst. WMU Director
Secretary
WOM Consultant
WOM Asst. Consultant
Acteens Consultant
Acteens Asst. Consultant
GA Consultant
GA Asst. Consultant

CHURCH

Bethlehem
Hiddenite
Antioch
Grace
Millersville
Three Forks
Three Forks
Antioch
Bethlehem

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACT (Association Consultant Team)	<u>Bible Teaching</u>	<u>Reaching (BTR)</u>
Terry Ashe (BTR)	Dir.-General Consultant	Hiddenite
Janice Sharpe	Adult Consultant	Hiddenite
Ashley Evans	Youth Consultant	Bethlehem
Darren Davidson	Children's Consultant	E. Taylorsville
Donna Millsaps	Preschool Consultant	Linney's Grove
Craig Hamlin	Outreach/Evang.Consult.	E. Taylorsville
Linda Lackey	VBS Director	Hiddenite

MUSIC

Chip Holden
Shirley Lackey
Amy Dagenhart

OFFICE

Director
Asst. Music Director
Asst. Music Director

CHURCH

E. Taylorsville
Stony Point
Pleasant Hill

EVANGELISM

Ken Walters	Director
Craig Hamlin	

Stony Point
E. Taylorsville

*New Committee

BROTHERHOOD

Bob Brewington	Brotherhood Director	Mt. Herman
Noah Lail	Baptist Men's Director	Bethlehem
Mike Surratte	RA Director	Three Forks

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Cathy Hartness	Co-Supporter	Stony Point
Wanda Payne	Co-Supporter	Three Forks
Kathleen Teague	Bible Drill Leader	Antioch

MEDIA LIBRARY

Ruth Etta White	Director	Three Forks
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YOUTH

Darren Davidson	Director	E. Taylorsville
Church Youth Ministers Associates		

STEWARDSHIP

Kenneth Kerley	Director	Mt. Herman
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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS PERFORMANCE COUNCIL

Chairman (DOM).....Mt. Herman.....Bill Goble
Moderator.....E. Taylorsville.....Gary Jennings
ACT(Assn.Consult.Team)Hiddenite.....Terry Ashe
Discplshp Trng Suprtr.Stony Point.....Cathy Hartness
WMU Director.....Bethlehem.....Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood Director..Mt. Herman.....Bob Brewington
Music Director.....E. Taylorsville.....Chip Holden
Assistant.Dir.....Stony Point.....Shirley Lackey
Assistant Dir.....Pleasant Hill.....Amy Dagenhart
Youth Director.....E. Taylorsville...Darren Davidson
Evangelism Director...Stony Point.....Ken Walters
Christian Life Comm...Lebanon.....Keith Childers
Stewardship Director..Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Ext. Dir.....First Baptist.....David Giffin
Media Library Dir.....Three Forks.....Ruth Etta White
Missions Devlpmnt.Dir.Vol.CCM Director.....Mary Ashe
Clerk.....Bethlehem.....Emilyn Wagner

Secretary/Treas.....First Baptist.....Bobbi Glass

Viability Study Committee - consists of Associational
Missions Performance Council; Associational
Officers, and 5 At-Large Members consisting
of Jeff Bowden, Joe McDufie, Kay White,
Virginia Austin, and Diane Fox

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Missions Development Dir.....CCM Director, Mary Ashe
Survey Dir/State Missions Rep.....Kenneth Walters
WMU Representative/Home Missions Rep.....Pat Heinefield
Promotional Dir/Foreign Missions Rep.....Diane Fox
Brotherhood Rep.....Mike Surratte
Moderator.....ex officio.....

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

President	David Giffin	Linney's Grove
VP & Program Chairman	Craig Hamlin	First Baptist
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Walters	Stony Point

MINISTERS' WIVES CONFERENCE

President	Margaret Gwaltney	Pilgrim
Advisor	Roberta Goble	Mt. Herman

Respectfully submitted,

VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE 1996-1997

Cathy Hartness, Chair
Earl Matheson
Lena Campbell
Blayne Hollar
Director of Missions - ex officio
Moderator - ex officio

SEMINARY EXTENSION COUNCIL

Seminary Extension classes were scheduled during the year, teachers were prepared, and there are a great many informative and inspirational courses available through the Extension Department of the Southern Baptists. However, this committee was unable to create enough interest to enroll any students in these courses, thus no courses were taught in the Alexander Association during the year 1996-1997.

It is hoped that in the coming year this situation will be changed for there are great opportunities for growth in the Lord's Word and usefulness to His Kingdom. If you are interested in attending a class, please let me or the Associational Office know. Provided there is enough interest in learning more about the Bible, more about Sunday School, or more about Southern Baptist work, classes will be planned.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Giffin, Chairman
SEMINARY EXTENSION COUNCIL

VAN TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The van given to the Alexander Baptist Association by Bethlehem Baptist Church has been used extensively this past year by several churches for mission trips and for recreational purposes. Our new Hispanic Mission - the Emmanuel Baptist Hispanic Mission - pastored by Rev. Reynaldo Cantu also uses the van for visitation and transportation of our Hispanic friends to the missions Friday and Sunday evening's meetings at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

The van is available for churches to use by filling up the gas tank on return the Association Office, plus \$.31 per mile if used for other than mission trips. the same is true for civic clubs and other community services.

The van has had some repairs this past year including a new radiator and thermostat. A new compressor and related repairs were made on the airconditioning and heater systems.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Mays, Chairman
Van Transportation Committee



Discipleship Training

It has been our goal to serve as a support system for local churches. As Discipleship Leaders we seek to strengthen and encourage those who already have Discipleship Training programs. We have assisted in helping others to start new ones.

We had nine in attendance at our Key Leadership Conference. We had two churches participating in Associational Children's Bible Drill. Several children went on to become state winners.

IN SERVICE TO JESUS,

Cathy Hartness
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The year in review reveals many servants of God on mission in Alexander Association. Missions emphases have included the following:

FAIR MINISTRY - A booth was established at the Alexander County Fair to reach fair goers with the gospel. Church participating in this ministry included East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Millersville, Mt. Herman, Stony Point, Taylorsville First, and Three Forks.

COORDINATION OF DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER HURRICANE FRAN
After Hurricane Fran, Alexander Baptist Association partnered with B86 Radio Station to collect money for Baptist Men's relief efforts and food for those in need. A team of men from Little River, Millersville and Three Forks went to work in Wilmington on relief efforts.

APPLE FESTIVAL - Free apples and an apple cut-out with the plan of salvation were given away to festival goers by East Taylorsville on behalf of the association.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE - Training was offered in the area of English as a Second Language. Twelve individuals participated in this training. Participants were from Bethlehem, East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Mt. Herman and Three Forks. A support for ESL students at Wittenburg Elementary was begun as a result of this training.

CONTINUING CHRISTMAS CHEER - Hands of Missions - This January event was jointly sponsored by WMU and Missions Development. Sixty-two (62) women from eleven (11) of our churches participated in ministries to the prison, Hospice, nursing homes, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN), foster children, health department, group homes and personal evangelism.

TUTORING YOUTH AND CHILDREN TRAINING - Three individuals participated in this training for a new ministry possibility. Participants were from East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, and Three Forks.

MISSION BLITZ - "In Jesus' Name" - was the reason for reaching out in mission and ministry in Alexander County by approximately 296 members of Alexander Baptist Association Churches on April 19. Ministries for this day included prison and jail ministry, treats for caregivers in the community, items for Hospice patients, ministry to nursing homes, home repairs, home cleaning, yardwork, medical/dental screenings on the dental bus, new

cabinets for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), yardwork for Smart Start, oil and coolant checks for senior adults, firewood delivery, food collection for the Christian Crisis Center at grocery stores, clothing sorting and food stacking at the crisis center, meals for crisis center participants, Back Yard Bible Clubs, child care, and food preparation and delivery. Thank you to all who helped make this day a day in which the Lord was glorified.

It was a pleasure to work side by side with the churches in our association on these events. Thank you to all the churches who helped to finance my mission trip to South Africa. Thank you to each church who provided me the opportunity to share about missions in your church this year.

Serving with Joy,

Mary Ashe
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

The Christian Life Commission is a newly created committee for the Alexander Baptist Association this year. The chairman of this committee attended the Key Leadership Conference held at Ridgecrest earlier this year. This commission will strive to address moral issues confronting the church, the Christian, and the Christian home in society today. Of monumental concern are issues such as the lottery, drug and alcohol abuse, abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, support of family values, to mention only a few. On September 11, 1997 a workshop was conducted by the Christian Life Commission in conjunction with the Key Leadership Conference sponsored by our Association.

During the upcoming year one objective of this commission is to keep pastors and churches informed of upcoming legislation regarding issues such as those aforementioned. Consideration is being made for a marriage seminar and family concert to be held on Saturday, September 5, 1998 with the ministry team of Steve and Annie Chapman of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family has nicknamed this Christian couple as "God's ambassadors to the Christian Family". We hope this ministry will be mightily used of God not only as a source of encouragement and growth for Christian families but also as an evangelistic outreach to hurting lives and homes in our communities.

We covet your prayerful support of this new ministry of our Alexander Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman

EVANGELISM COUNCIL REPORT

The Evangelism Council is excited about the work which has been done in the year 1996-1997 and about plans which we are advancing for the year 1997-98. In the past year this council has sought to help the churches of this association carry out the main task of the Body of Christ by sponsoring both training events and opportunities to apply that training for the winning of souls in our county. The council has worked with other committees and organizations in our association (Pastors and Staff Conference, Mission Development Committee, etc.) in the following activities:

- * The State Director of Evangelism held two training sessions for the pastors at the monthly Pastors and Staff Conference.
- * The Evangelism Council conducted training sessions and coordinated the Alexander County effort in conjunction with the Billy Graham organization in the "Outreach Carolina" evangelism effort in September.
- * In the Mission Blitz-"In Jesus' Name" held by our Association, much outreach was accomplished with perhaps the most direct evangelism done by those who visited in the Alexander County Prison Unit and the County Jail.
- * During the Associational Key Leadership Conference held in September, this council presented the program People Sharing Jesus, an evangelism emphasis from the North American Mission Board.
- * This committee participated in other activities during the year, but these were the high points.

The plans for the coming year are just as exciting. Four items are at the top of the agenda for this year.

First, the members of our council stand ready to aid any church which desires to be trained in the techniques and methods of People Sharing Jesus. If you are interested, please contact the Association Office and we will gladly respond to your interest.

Second, our council is working with the state convention to bring one of the members of the Evangelism Department to Alexander County to conduct a two-day Building Witnessing Relationships Seminar. We hope to schedule this for the winter.

Third, we will begin a five-year evangelism effort CELEBRATE JESUS 2000 this year. The emphasis this year will center on praying for every citizen of our county, so we will be enlisting the members of our churches in the winter and spring to take portions of the telephone book and pray for the names found there to know Jesus as Lord.

Fourth, we are working with the Christian Life Committee to bring Steve and Annie Chapman to the area for a marriage enrichment event and concert which we believe will give us an opportunity to reach out to the lost of our area in an area of their felt needs (better marriages).

We ask the prayers and support of the members of Alexander Baptist Association as we seek to enable our people to more effectively reach the world and our own Jerusalem of Alexander County for Jesus.

Ken Walters

BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL REPORT

In August 1997, all Baptist Men leaders and pastors were invited to a meeting with a representative of the Department of Social Services to discuss a cooperative effort with the Baptist Men organizations of our Association.

An amount of money is given to the DSS for small repair jobs on the homes of the underprivileged each year. Our Baptist Men were asked to participate by providing the labor. With this labor, DSS funds will go further in helping others. This cooperation will continue during the next year. Some of our Baptist Men groups are already meeting the needs of many in their local communities by doing construction and other helpful projects.

Also, during the next year an effort will be made to strengthen and organize more Baptist Men groups and encourage even more churches to provide local missions wherever needs are found in the county. Pray that men's groups in all of our churches will respond and help spread the Lord's word through action.

So I urge all men to call the Association Office to volunteer their talents toward this worthwhile work.



Respectfully submitted,

Bob Brewington
BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSULTANT TEAM (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The primary thrust for your Associational Sunday School workers has changed over the past several years. Our primary focus is no longer on annual or semi-annual training events aimed at all the churches in the association. Instead, the ACTeam, as we are now called, stands ready to assist the individual church in developing an education program that is right for the individual church.

In the past year, in addition to our regular training events, a new team of consultants has been recruited and trained to meet this requirement for the future. But we will only be successful if you NEED us, WANT us, and CALL us. IF YOU DO, then please be assured that we stand prepared to assist you in every way possible.

We do plan to have one major event in the coming year. A Sunday School Appreciation Banquet is tentatively scheduled for January 29, 1998. Our guest speaker will be Dr. James Royston, the proposed new Executive Director for the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

More details will follow.



Respectfully submitted,

Terry Ashe
ASSOCIATIONAL CONSULTANT TEAM

WMU THEME FOR 1996-97 WAS " HAND IN HAND". THE NEW YEAR BEGAN WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WHICH WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH. MISSION LEADERS WERE REMINDED TO PRAY FOR AND PROMOTE OUR NC MISSIONS OFFERING IN OUR CHURCHES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WAS HELD AT HIDDENITE CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 4. OTHER SEASONS OF PRAYER THAT WERE OBSERVED IN OUR CHURCHES WERE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND THANKSGIVING OFFERING IN NOVEMBER, FOREIGN MISSIONS AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING IN DECEMBER, HOME MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING IN MARCH, OLDER ADULTS - NC BAPTIST HOSPITAL OFFERING IN MAY. THE EMPHASIS OF CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST WAS COLLECTING ITEMS TO BE SENT TO HOME MISSIONARIES.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MISSIONS WERE CELEBRATED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. JANUARY 17, "CONTINUING CHRISTMAS CHEER" WAS CELEBRATED AT HIDDENITE CRYSTAL RESTAURANT. APPROXIMATELY 70 WOMEN ATTENDED, A MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP AND CRAFTING WAS ENJOYED, WITH FINISHED PROJECTS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO HOSPICE, SCAN, FOSTER CARE, NURSING HOMES AND SEVERAL OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN ALEXANDER COUNTY.

FOCUS ON WMU WAS CELEBRATED DURING FEBRUARY ALSO THE VALENTINE BANQUET FOR PASTORS AND STAFF WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY AT MILLERSVILLE CHURCH.

THE WMU SPRING MEETING WAS HELD AT THREE FORKS LIFE CENTER ON MAY 4, IRMA DUKE WAS OUR GUEST SPEAKER. A COVERED DISH SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP WERE ENJOYED BY ALL. REV MARION POWELL INSTALLED THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 1997-98.

MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN JULY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE CHRISTIAN CRISIS CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILIES WHO NEEDED THEIR SERVICES IN AUGUST. MONEY WAS ALSO COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS TO BE SENT TO FEMALE INMATES AT THE RALEIGH CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

I APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS WMU DIRECTOR THIS PAST YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE HAD A GREAT WMU YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

PAT HEINEFIELD
WMU DIRECTOR 1996-97



ORDINATION EXAMINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordination Examining Council was requested to assist in the examination of four candidates for ordination during this past year. Three were from East Taylorsville Baptist Church - Craig Hamlin, Chip Holden and Darren Davidson, and the new staff member of Stony Point Baptist Church, Mitch King. The new Minister to Students, Ashley Evans, at Bethlehem Baptist Church is to be examined by our council on November 3, 1997.

This council is designed to be of assistance to the local churches upon their request. When called upon to examine a candidate, the Council makes its recommendation, which is not binding, to the local church, which then makes the final decision of whether to proceed or not to proceed with ordination.

The Council stands ready to assist upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey Austin, 1996-97 Chairman

Terry Ashe, 1997-98 Chairman

ORDINATION EXAMINING COUNCIL

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

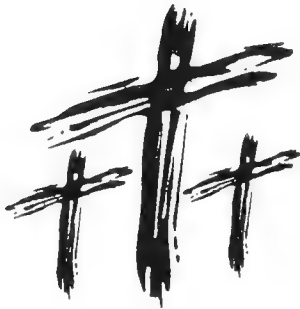
During the past year the major office equipment in the office has been upgraded. The telephone system is now equipped with two lines with phones provided for the Director of Missions, the Church and Community Ministries Director, and the Secretary/Treasurer. A fax line - 632-5848 - has been designated. The Canon copier has been upgraded with a sorter and a duplexer unit. A new computer has been purchased and is in operation. (The old computer is being used by the Church and Community Ministries Director.) Also a new folding machine is now in use.

The water utilities are now on city water. The grounds have been maintained by Jimmy Chapman, mowing the large field, and the remainder of the grounds were maintained by Andrew Glass.



Respectfully submitted,

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



Alexander Baptist Youth Ministry

The Association's Youth Leaders have met throughout the year and planned events for our church's youth to have fellowship and worship together. The first mission's night aimed at youth was a great success! Youth learned how they could be involved in mission activities both in our community, state, nation, and around the world. We heard a home missionary appointed to New York City, learned how to conduct Back Yard Bible Clubs, raise money for missions, and other practical hands-on mission training. Youth leaders met at Little River for inspiration by Jeff Chapman and a resource review by Andrew Sarver. Youth and adults were invited to learn how clowning can be used in the ministry through a very practical workshop led by a member in one of our sister churches. Over 12 youth learned how they can be used by God in sharing the Gospel through clowning.

The Back-to-school - Kyle Matthews Concert rounded our year with over 60 youth attending. Kyle, a song-writer and contemporary Christian artist from Nashville Tennessee gave the Gospel through music and the spoken word. A highlight of the day was volleyball and ragball matches among the churches represented. Providing opportunities for our youth to be together in fellowship, ministry, and worship will continue to serve as a goal for our Associational Youth Ministry!

Much ministry and mission activities are represented by our churches in the association...our youth are on mission with God! During the Mission's Blitz - In Jesus Name, our churches were represented well by the youth that served in various roles. Youth participated in Back-yard Bible Clubs, cutting firewood, building projects, and much more. Our youth helped make Mission Blitz '97 a huge success! Many groups within our association participated in trips both in and out of state.

Our youth leaders are invited to be a part of getting together and planning for youth events this coming year. We will have our first meeting Thursday, October 30, 7:00 pm at Village Inn Pizza. Those wishing to eat need to arrive no later than 6:30 pm. If you are not receiving information about youth events, please call the Association's office. The Association exists to serve the local church and we exist to help our youth grow together and in the Lord. Next year promises to bring events that will bring our youth together in fellowship, missions, and in worship. We do hope you and your church will be involved in the Association's Youth Ministry.

In His Service,

Rev. Darren T. Davidson, Association Youth Coordinator

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Most of our churches held a Vacation Bible School this past summer. Many of our churches used the 1997 VBS material from the SBC - the theme being: "Good News Stampede" with great response and results. The children and youth were thrilled about this theme as well as the teachers and VBS Directors.

The following 9 churches filed 1997 reports with the Association:
Antioch, Beulah, First Baptist, Lebanon, Little River, Millersville, Mt. Herman, Pilgrim and Smyrna.

The Associational VBS Clinic was held on Thursday, April 24 at Hiddenite Baptist Church. Five churches were represented and total attendance was 20. Linda Lackey is our VBS Director.

The Celebration Book Store in Hickory (Highway 70 near Valley Hills Mall) is now a Baptist Book Store and will handle the 1998 (Baptist Sunday School Board) VBS curriculum materials. Hopefully you will use these SBC material since these are Biblically based, doctrinally sound and activity oriented.

We plan to hold our VBS Clinic on April 30, 1998 which will help equip your VBS workers for a successful VBS. The theme will be "Star Quest - Galactic Good News Adventure (Exploring our Mission with Jesus)". An alternative or option curriculum is called "Adventure Zone" which is the 1998 Simplified Approach to VBS. Both curriculums will be presented in our 1998 VBS Clinic at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

Our goal: "21 of our 21 Churches having a successful VBS in 1998."

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Goble, for
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL DIRECTOR

1996 HMB Annual Report

Refer to the SBC Annual for a comprehensive look at each program.

1996 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING ALLOCATIONS

1996 GOAL: \$42,000,000

MISSIONARIES AND FIELD MINISTRIES \$36,236,200

EVANGELISM \$3,850,000

Evangelism Projects in Newer States
Lay Renewal and Marketplace Evangelism
Media Evangelism
Establishing Congregations Through Revivals
Interfaith Witness
State Directors of Evangelism in Newer States
Metropolitan Evangelism
Associational Evangelism Leaders
Youth Evangelism
Conferences
Consultant Evangelism with Special Groups
Evangelism Church Growth
People Sharing Jesus
Women's Evangelism Conference
Ethnic Evangelism
African-American Evangelism

NEW CHURCH EXTENSION \$9,224,600

Church Planter Strategists
Church Planter Missionaries
Church Planter Pastors
Church Planter Apprentices
Conferences/Training Workshops
Church Planter Interns
PRAXIS (Church-Planting Teams)
Congregational Assistance
New Church Probes
Unentered Counties

LANGUAGE CHURCH EXTENSION \$9,879,100

Missionaries to more than 100 Ethnic Groups
Language Contextual Literature
Radio and Television Programs
Conferences/Training Workshops
Congregational Assistance

BLACK CHURCH EXTENSION \$1,670,900

Church Starter Strategists
Church Planter Interns
Church Planter Apprentices
Special Projects
Congregational Assistance
Training Conferences
Orientation Conferences for New Black SBC Churches
Church Planter Pastors
Communication: The Black Southern Baptist Herald Newsletter

ASSOCIATIONAL \$4,928,000

Associational Directors of Missions (in Urban, Rural, and Metropolitan Areas)
Development of Associations in Newer Areas
Mega Focus Cities Strategy Planning
Conferences/Training Workshops
Materials

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES \$5,193,650

Baptist Centers, Weekday Ministries
Literacy Missions
Disaster Relief
Ministries with Disabled Persons, Chemical Dependence, and Substance Abuse
Conferences/Training Workshops
Migrant Ministries

CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES \$361,900

Chaplains at Mayo Clinic
Chaplains Orientation and Conferences
Endorsements and Service to Military, Healthcare, Institutional, and Business-Industrial Chaplains; and Pastoral Counselors

SPECIAL MINISTRIES \$654,500

Student Work in Newer States
Student Work at Service Academies
Work with Internationals
Seamen's Ministries
Resort Ministries

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES \$473,550

Student Summer Missionaries
Volunteer Involvement

SPECIAL PROJECTS \$2,263,800

SUBTOTAL \$38,500,000

This basic budget amount will support the on-going items presently budgeted between the state conventions and the Home Mission Board.

BOLD MISSION ADVANCE FUNDS ... \$3,500,000

The 1996 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal was \$42,000,000. All offering receipts over the basic budget amount of \$38,500,000 go into Advance Funds. Advance Funds provide for planned and approved short-term projects of one to two years and/or single events in evangelism, church starting, church growth, and ministry. All Advance Funds go to the mission field. These funds allow numerous projects requested from the field to be funded that otherwise would not be included in the Home Mission Board budget.

TOTAL \$42,000,000

Making Life for Older Adults...

The Best of Times

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists!

Our February Offering this year was the strongest yet. Gifts through the Cooperative Program have come to us above the norm. Thank you for making it possible for us to make this year "The Best of Times" for so many North Carolina Baptist Older Adults.

NEW PLACES

Cliffwood Retirement Community,
Fayetteville

Opening in early 1999, The Cliffwood Retirement Community is designed to meet the needs of middle income Older Adults. It will offer residents a continuum of care ranging from Independent Living and Assisted Living options to nursing care.

A New Retirement Community,
Concord

Design work for a new continuing care retirement community in the Concord area has begun with ground breaking expected in the spring of 1998.

NEW PROGRAMS

Home and Community Based Programs

The Solarium Programs for Older Adults suffering from dementia related disorders are well established in the Prince Nursing Center at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem and in the Rickman Nursing Center at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

A new home and community based program offering respite care to Older Adults in the Asheville area began this year. This service provides safe, structured, creative enrichment for seniors diagnosed with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, and provides relief for families giving in-home care to these dear ones.

NEW PEOPLE

Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton and Asheville

Margaret Almond has joined the Executive Management Group as Vice President for Development.

Tammy Harwood brings nursing and management skills to the position of Home Manager and Administrator at the Taylor House in Albemarle.

Paulette Richmond is completing a year of service as Home Manager/Administrator at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton.

Edgar Ferrell, retired pastor of Black Mountain First Baptist, now serves as Chaplain at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

Calvin Knight serves as Chaplain at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

We send this report with our gratitude for your prayers and gifts enabling us to make life for Baptist Older Adults . . .

The Best of Times!

William B. Stillerman
Baptist Retirement Homes
of North Carolina, Inc.

**REPORT OF CHURCH GROWTH MULTIPLIERS
TO ASSOCIATIONS IN REGIONS 7, 8, 9, & 10**

Church Growth Multipliers is a ministry of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention designed for the purpose of helping churches to grow and to assist Associations in their effort to help churches to find ways to reach more people for Jesus christ and to train and grow their membership.

This past year, our team in the Western section of our State, have been in a number of churches for church growth events and consultations. Growth is occurring in some of those churches because they found ways they could grow.

Growing through the Sunday School has been the best avenue for most churches. One church we were in has doubled it's Sunday School enrollment and attendance as well as experiencing growth in worship attendance and all other activities, including baptisms.

Our Church Growth Multiplier Team Members are as follows:

Fred Lunsford-Team Leader
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Murphy, NC 28906
H-704-837-6530
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Suthell Walker
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Spindale, NC 28160
704-286-2737

Martha Hicks
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Asheville, NC 28806
704-252-1257

James Clouse
Rt. 2, Box 256
Hendersonville, NC 28792
704-685-3892

You may call any one of these for help or you may call Mary Conyers at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102, Ext. 211.

We are pleased to be a part of this great effort. Please be much in prayer for us that we may be faithful to our Lord and Savior and His will and purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred B. Lunsford

Baptist Children's Homes of NC 1997 Book of Reports

James D. Goldston, III Trustee Chair
Michael C. Blackwell, President

At the sound of a car in his grandmother's carport, Jason looked out the window, and was shocked to see his mother striding toward the house.

She was angry, and Jason shouted, "Lordy, it's momma," as he ran to the back bedroom to call the police.

Just 12 years old, Jason had lived in seven foster care homes and with his grandmother on and off since his father died seven years earlier. His mother's addictions cost her custody of her only son. For whatever reason, tonight she wanted him back.

Out of control, Jason's mother broke open the door and kicked grandmother to the floor. She grabbed her by the hair and "slung me around by the hair of my head," grandmother says, remembering.

Mother shouted for Jason to come out of hiding, and threatened to kill his grandmother. She grabbed a bottle, broke it, and held the jagged edge to grandma's throat, shouting that she would kill her if Jason didn't come out of hiding.

Just then Jason's aunt arrived from a house next door, and held his mother's arms until the police arrived.

Six years later, grandmother beams with pride for Jason, who overcame that tragic, traumatic start in life. Jason garnered academic, athletic and leadership honors in a steady stream at Tuscola High School in Haywood County and is starting college in August 1997 as a freshman at The Citadel.

At Tuscola, he was captain and MVP of the track and cross country teams and a conference champion, vice president for his senior class, Cadet Colonel and ROTC commander in a group of 115 cadets, in National Honor Society, in the top 10 percent of his class, attended leadership events at Western Carolina University and Washington, D.C., and was a peer helper and peer counselor.

At The Citadel he will study political science with a minor in military history and international affairs. He wants a military career as a fighter pilot, then to enter politics after retirement.

Jason credits Broyhill Home, his home since that traumatic night in his grandma's house.

"All the accomplishments of my life have been made possible by Baptist Children's Homes," Jason said at his final awards banquet at Broyhill Home, where he received top honors for the second year.

"Broyhill has made me into a young man with a future, who knows now where he is going and what he wants to do. They've opened the doors to enable me to do that."

As for grandmother, who was desperate to find a place for Jason after the incident in her house, she prays "every night and I thank God every night that we have a place like Broyhill Home and Baptist Children's Homes."

Jason's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope, and of BCH tying a knot in that rope and helping them to hold on.

At four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,398 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received \$1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and \$724,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of \$3.05 million comprised 25 percent of the BCH budget.

In June 1997 BCH successfully completed the \$10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign to raise money for operations, capital needs and endowment. Two major priorities of the campaign will be completed in earlyh 1998; the Winifred Lindsay Education/ Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke, and the John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home. A third priority, the Hubert M. Craig Lodge at Cameron Boys Camp, has been completed.

A new video, "Families Under Construction" is available to promote the 1997 Thanksgiving offering, which has a statewide goal of \$750,000, the largest ever.

A model program for family preservation has been initiated at Mills Home in Thomasville. Two social workers are on staff to work intensively with families which are at risk of being separated, but who, with help, can overcome their issues and stay together.

Thomasville Area Director Bill Scarlett also is initiating ways for churches and their members to be directly involved on campus, from tutoring, to cooking, to spending early evenings giving personal attention to residents to free staff for more intensive counseling.

Baptist Children's Homes' work was featured in November on "The 700 Club" and in December on CNN. BCH also adopted a missions statement this year, which is "helping hurting children, healing broken families."

Wherever children are hurting and families are strained, BCH strives to heal.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD FACTS AND FIGURES

We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

In the September, 1997 meeting with IMB trustees, Avery Willis, the board's senior vice president for overseas operations, described the following as "historic." He said it marked the beginning of a major new advance in Southern Baptist international missions.

The International Mission Board is changing from focusing on 194 countries to targeting 12,862 people groups in the world. "Countries" describes geopolitical entities; "people groups" describes clusters of people bound together by language, culture and socioeconomic ties. One country can contain hundreds of people groups. The board's shift in focus from countries to people groups helps it more effectively reach previously unevangelized people groups.

An immediate strategy will be targeting the 187 megapeople (a people group of more than 1 million population in a country). The IMB expects to have its personnel targeting all 187 groups before the end of 1998.

The following annual growth levels reflect the combined reports from all international mission points as of the end of 1996 unless otherwise specified:

† Total number of missionaries under appointment (9/97)	4,232
† Total number of short-term volunteers (9/97)	13,885
† Total number of newly appointed missionaries (9/97)	210
† A record number of newly constituted churches (1996)	2,367
† Number of countries where missionaries reside (assisting in 25 others) (4/97)	127
† Total number of baptisms overseas (1996)	283,674
† Total number of overseas churches (1996)	39,876
† Number of new people groups touched by the gospel (1996)	58
† Total people groups served (4/97)	336
† Baptisms among least-reached peoples (1996)	6,329
† Record amount of Lottie Moon Offering (1996)	\$ 93,089,179
† Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal (1997)	\$100,000,000
† Human needs receipts (9/97)	\$3,268,754

Thank you Southern Baptists for being obedient to God's call: "Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples" Psalms 96:2-3

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Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
1997

According to Dr. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries, approximately 6 million crimes are committed in the United States annually. Murder arrests of teens are up 92% since 1985; the number of 13-to 15-year-olds arrested for murder nearly doubled between 1982 and 1992; 1.6 million cars are stolen each year; America spends \$39 billion a year on police protection, \$29 billion on prisons and \$10 billion on legal and judicial costs for criminal cases; drunk drivers cost us \$110 billion a year, and drug abuse costs \$40 billion a year. With these alarming statistics, the Christian Action League of North Carolina is constantly working to restore moral and biblical principles to our state and nation through the legislative process and the public education system and by assisting communities in our state with local battles for civic and moral righteousness.

A. Christian Values

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to sponsor the Second Annual Christian Heritage Week In North Carolina, March 16-22. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. We mailed information about a League sponsored essay contest to be written on America's Christian Heritage to all high schools (public and private) in the state and hosted an awards ceremony and banquet for the top state winners of that contest in Raleigh.
- Lobbied for and promoted SB 442, The American History Act. A bill that would allow public school teachers to read or display historical documents even though they contain religious references. This bill passed the legislature and is now a law.
- The League continued a project in 1997 to distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 10,000 copies of these prints have been distributed.
- Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.
- Presented copies of Dr. Billy Graham's speech to the May 5, 1997, Joint Session of the General Assembly on audio cassette to members of the Legislature and offered copies through our newsletter. Dr. Graham was being honored for his tremendous worldwide contributions to religion, morality, racial equality and family.
- Promoted and worked for the passage of HB 511, Evolution Not Taught as Fact.
- Published *The Beacon* newsletter quarterly with circulation of 22,000. Kept concerned citizens informed on moral issues via e-mail, fax networks, church and civic club presentations.

B. Lottery

Lottery proponents felt this was the year to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. The League, through letters, e-mail and faxes, kept the Christian community updated on lottery information and encouraged its members to contact their legislators. The lawmakers received a barrage of letters and calls from across the state saying that the lottery was a bad bet for North Carolina. The League will continue to monitor this issue as the session nears an end, but as of today, the lottery seems to have been defeated for another session.

C. Sex Education

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education was implemented state-wide. Also supported efforts to insure that federal grant money was used to promote abstinence education.

D. Abortion

The League lobbied for and encouraged its members through Legislative Alerts to write in support of HB 303 and SB 536 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 594 (Fetus Death from Criminal Act) and HB 536 (Abortion/Woman's Right to Know). We offered the video "Reversing Roe" through our newsletter. This video tells the story of Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case who after 25-years and 35 million aborted babies tells of her transformation from an abortion industry pawn to a pro-life Christian.

E. Homosexuality

CAL supported efforts to strengthen the traditional family and addressed the radical homosexual agenda. Successfully lobbied against legislation that would have eradicated present N. C. law making homosexuality illegal. Offered the powerful and emotional video of Michael Johnston "On Wings Like Eagles". This video tells of Michael's 11 years in the homosexual lifestyle and his struggle between right and wrong and about forgiveness and grace. Michael is founder of Kerusso Ministries, an organization to help others struggling with this sin.

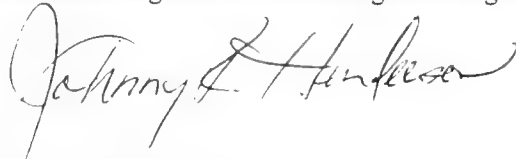
F. Alcohol

Monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen current DWI laws. Worked with communities in helping them set up an organization to combat liquor referenda. Lobbied against SB 838 (ABC Tourism Resorts Permits); SB 837 (Sports Club ABC Permits), SB 447 (Lumberton Economic Development District) and HB 651 (Interstate Economic Zones). These bills allow alcohol sales without the vote of local citizens. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

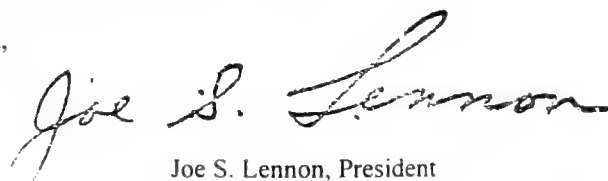
G. Pornography

Lobbied for SB 452 (Local Regulation of Adult Establishments) and notified citizens to contact their legislators and encourage them to vote for this legislation that would give local governments more control in regulating these establishments.

Respectfully Submitted,



Johnny R. Henderson, Executive Director



Joe S. Lennon, President

Report to the Associations



HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Since opening its doors in 1923, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has remained fully committed to the purpose of carrying out a ministry of healing as taught by Jesus Christ. It is this Christ-like spirit that has led patients such as Helen Keller to write: "When I was coming out from under surgery, they treated me with fine love, and I could feel it. I have been in places where it didn't matter how many times you pressed the call button, you would just lie there and wait, but the nurses at Baptist Hospital always came right away. If I ever have to go back to a hospital, this is where I would come."

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund

Baptist Churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1996 the MDO amounted to \$456,497.00. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From this past year's offering, over \$200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches. May God bless all those who gave so generously.

Division of Pastoral Care

During the year the Chaplains and Staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 65 students during the year. They made more than 50,000 ministry contacts, an increase of 10% over the previous year.

CareNet, Inc. continues to grow. There are now 13 counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc., continues to expand its assistance to ministers and churches. Programs and assistance offered to churches include Consultants and Intentional Interims working with churches as they face the challenges of today. The Young Leader's Program helps in leadership development, and the Clergy Wellness Program, Turning Point, is designed to foster a holistic growth-approach to the individual minister's life calling.

Points of Emphasis and Progress

J. PAUL STICHT CENTER - In April the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation opened the doors of a new 240,000 square foot state-of-the-arts building. Here services are provided to older adults. These services include a geriatric assessment clinic, Acute Care for the Elderly clinic, Alzheimer's disease and memory disorders clinic, osteoporosis clinic, geriatric gynecology clinic, a women's health center, education services, and a legal clinic for seniors. It houses a true "Day Hospital" for seniors - the first in the state - which provides therapy, examinations and rehabilitation as day-time treatment, eliminating costly overnight stays.

COMPREHAB - On November 4, 1996, the doors were opened to The Medical Center's new CompRehab Center. The 70,000 square-foot building houses a full spectrum of physical rehabilitation and related clinical services, including a Sports Medicine Center, Foot and Ankle Center, The Hand Center, Outpatient Physical Therapy Center, Spine Center, and the Neurorehabilitation Center.

TRAUMA CENTER - The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center in Northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

TOPS IN RESEARCH - According to a report in the February issue of *Applied Clinical Trials*, Bowman Gray School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

QUALCHOICE - Established by The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and Wake Forest University, this managed care plan provides quality health care and patient physician choice. QualChoice is now able to offer coverage to ministers and church staffs.

WEB SITE - You can learn more about The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated by checking us out on our Web site at: <http://www.bgsm.edu>. Here you can find helpful information about nutrition, research, and the division of Pastoral Care.

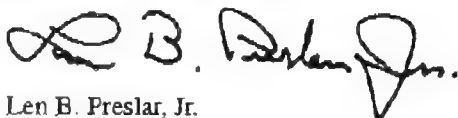
HEALTH ON-CALL™ - Need a physician or answers to questions about health topics? Dial (800) 446-2255. A registered nurse will take your call and help you select the right physician, answer your questions, provide information or mail printed material to you.

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A CLOSING WORD

In the midst of changing health-care norms, we will not deviate from the mission entrusted to us by the Baptist people of North Carolina. We stand fully committed to excellence and compassion, and remain visionary as we face the demands of the health care market. Under the providence of God, we will continue to find the ways and means to be successful without compromise.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President

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THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

Associational Report--1997

These are "watershed years" for Baptists! Analysts almost daily remind us that the radical changes in society and the erosion of so much that has been precious to us in our religious life is creating a time of major "transition" as we Baptists and other church groups face the 21st century.

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 164 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

People are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals. It is true of secular publications, it is true of wholesome books from respected libraries, it is true of religious publications. We live in an electronic age, what some have described as an "information glut."

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; no democracy, including our local churches, can survive long without an informed, involved constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. Recent and anticipated increases in mailing costs makes CNS a greater value now than ever before.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

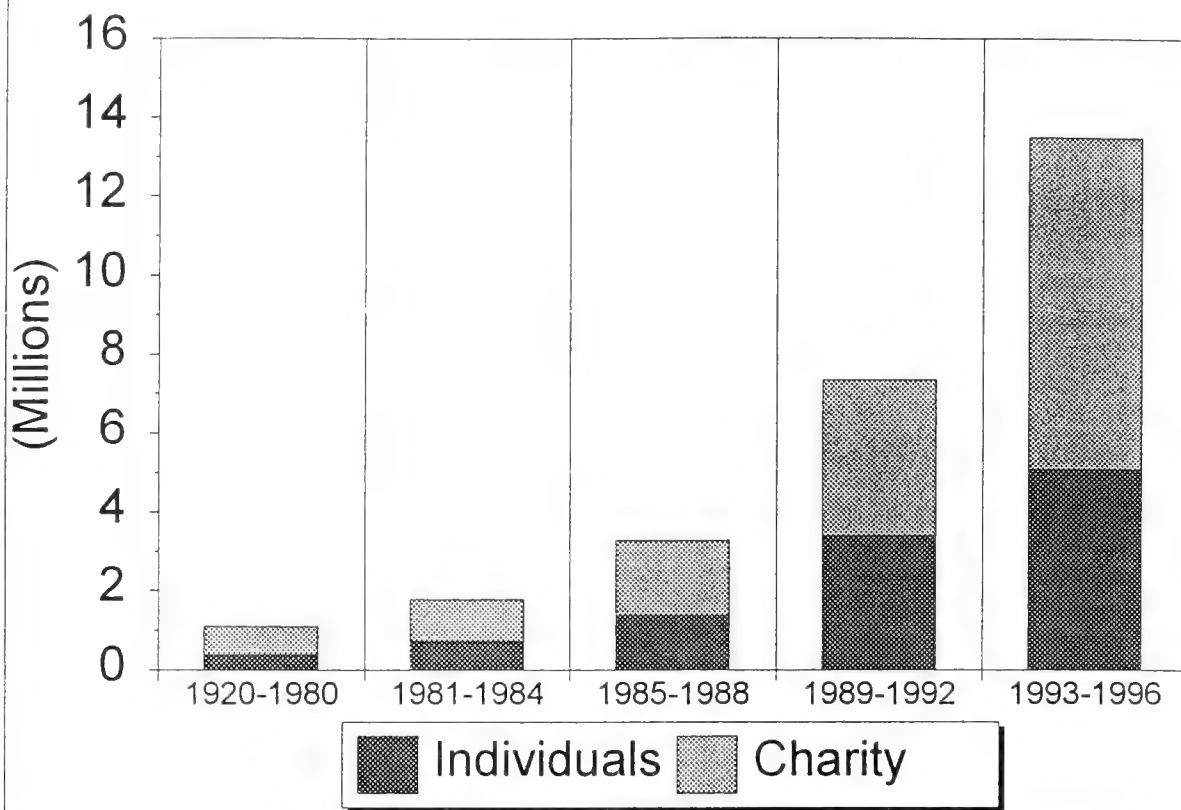
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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.

1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Distributions

1920-1996



The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1996, the Foundation held \$60,892,220 under management. In 1996, \$2,600,680 was distributed to Baptist work and \$1,259,082 was distributed to individuals for a total distribution of \$3,859,762.

The income distributions for the entire 77-year history of the N. C. Baptist Foundation totals: \$10,932,764 income paid to individuals and \$16,059,259 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$26,992,023.

Richard D. Laws, Chairman of the Board
Ralph W. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - 1997

Serving North Carolina Baptists for 862 years

1996 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DATA
TOTAL ENROLLMENTS (REGULAR AND SUMMER SCHOOL): 24,125
GRADUATES: 4,119 - FACULTY: 1,456 - ADMINISTRATION: 161
CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS STUDENTS: 526

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

- Opened January 5, 1887 as Buies' Creek Academy.
- Became Buies' Creek Junior College, August 21, 1924.
- Authorized by Baptist State Convention to become Campbell College, December 17, 1926.
- Began a senior college program with the junior class in 1961.
- School of Law founded in 1976.
- Graduate program in Education launched in 1977; in Business, 1978.
- Became Campbell University on June 6, 1979. School of Pharmacy and School of Education founded in 1985.
- School of Divinity founded in 1995.

Norman A. Wiggins, President

CHOWAN COLLEGE

- Founded and opened for students as Chowan Female Institute, October 11, 1848.
- First called Chowan Female Collegiate Institute in 1851.
- First called Chowan Baptist Female Institute in 1868.
- Became Chowan College on May 17, 1910.
- Became coeducational senior college, 1931.
- Changed to a junior college, September 1937.
- Changed to senior college status, Fall 1992.

Stanley G. Lott, President

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

- First chartered as Boiling Springs High School, December 2, 1905.
- Opened as Boiling Springs Junior College, September 3, 1928.
- Name changed and new charter granted to Gardner-Webb Junior College, Inc., June 1942.
- Charter amended in conformity to the Constitution of the NC Baptist State Convention, November 1946.
- Became a fully accredited senior college December 1, 1971.
- Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993, and opened School of Divinity, Fall 1993.

M. Christopher White, President

MARS HILL COLLEGE

- First commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856.
- Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.
- Opened as Mars Hill Junior College, August 14, 1922.
- Began a senior college program in 1962.

A. Max Lennon, President

MEREDITH COLLEGE

- Incorporated as Baptist Female University of NC, February 27, 1891.
- Opened for students, September 27, 1899.
- Became Baptist University for Women by legislative enactment, January 20, 1905.
- Became Meredith College by legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.

John E. Weems, President

WINGATE UNIVERSITY

- Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Association, 1895. Opened 1896; chartered 1897.
- Became a junior college in 1923.
- Baptist State Convention assumed sponsorship; withdrew in 1930 and returned Wingate College to support by Union and other associations.
- Trustees first appointed by N.C. Baptist State Convention in 1949.
- Became a senior college in 1977.
- Began offering graduate work in 1985.
- Became Wingate University in 1995.

Jerry E. McGee, President

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

- Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.
- Chartered as Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, December 28, 1838.
- Bowman Gray Medical School of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, officially opened July 1, 1941; first class September 10, 1941.
- Wake Forest College authorized by special session of Convention meeting in Greensboro, July 30, 1946, to move to Winston-Salem.
- First session in Winston-Salem began with the summer term, June 18, 1956; Wake Forest College became a university, June 12, 1967.
- Baptist State Convention and Wake Forest University established a new relationship on November 11, 1986 as described in the Convention's Constitution, Article XIV.

Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., President

Meredith College has formally requested a new relationship with the Baptist State Convention, patterned after the one with Wake Forest University. The matter will be voted upon during the November 11-12, 1997 Convention.

Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E.V. Bumgarner	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H.L. Good	E.C. Shoe	W.C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E.C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E.C. Shoe	A.C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A.E. Watts	A.C. Payne	H.L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A.B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W.W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W.O. Johnson	E.V. Bumgarner	W.W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J.A. Icenhour	A.B. Bumgarner	J.L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J.L. Wells	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J.R. Lail	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R.L. Dixon	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H.L. Good	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W.O. Warren	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I.V. Couch	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H.M. Carter	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W.O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A.D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A.D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			
1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Smyrna			

1975	Pilgrim.....	Grady Kerley.....	Robert Boggs.....	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville.....			
1976	Mt. Herman.....	Ray Shumate.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks.....			
1977	East Taylorsville.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch.....			
1978	Hiddenite.....	Richard Hicks.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville.....			
1979	Macedonia.....	D.L. Bumgarner.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon.....			
1980	Grace.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Beulah.....			
1981	Poplar Springs.....	Leroy Clack.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill.....			
1982	Oxford Memorial.....	Gary Jennings.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Mt. Olive.....			
1983	Millersville.....	Robert Boggs.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Little River.....			
1984	Antioch.....	Cecil Lovelace.....	James Pierce.....	Elline Lackey
	Three Forks.....			
1985	Bethlehem.....	James Pierce.....	James Pierce.....	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove.....			
1986	Smyrna.....	Ken Walters.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman.....			
	Stony Point.....			
1987	Macedonia.....	Keith Childers.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville.....			
	Oxford Memorial.....			
1988	Poplar Springs.....	Dwight Austin.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite.....			
	Grace.....			
1989	Millersville.....	Michael Blevins.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Mountain Ridge.....			
1990	Three Forks.....	Terry Ashe.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist.....			
	Mt. Olive.....			
1991	Lebanon.....	C. David Boan.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch.....			
	Pilgrim.....			
	Antioch.....			
1992	Little River.....	David Horton.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove.....			
	Bethlehem.....			
1993	Mt. Herman.....	Larry Blakley.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point.....			
	Smyrna.....			
1994	Grace.....	Michael Blevins.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia.....			
	East Taylorsville.....			
1995	Hiddenite.....	Larry Allen.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Millersville.....			
1996	Mt. Olive.....	Keith Childers.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks.....			
	First Taylorsville.....			
1997	Bethlehem.....	Charlie Fouche.....	Marion Powell.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch.....			
	Lebanon.....			

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MEMBER/CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION										YEAR ENDING 1997	
Association ALEXANDER										(Month & Day) 9/30	
State NORTH CAROLINA											
Director of Associational Missions Rev. William O. Goble, Jr.											
Address P O Box 875											
City Taylorville										State NC	Zip 28681
CHURCHES										County	
PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)										TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	
Antioch										Resident Members	
None										TOTAL BAPTISMS	
Dr. Mark Tilley										Baptisms Under 6	
165 Woodholloer Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681										Baptisms Age 6-8	
Bethlehem										Baptisms Age 9-11	
Rev. Chase White										Baptisms Age 12-17	
111 Marsh Rd NE, Taylorsville NC 28681										Baptisms Age 18-29	
Beulah										Baptisms Age 30-59	
Rev. Stephen Dagenhart										Baptisms 60 & Up	
191 Airport Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681										Other Additions	
Calvary										New Member Training	
Rev. Gary W. Jennings										Year Organized	
P O Box 906, Taylorsville NC 28681										Year Pastor Came	
E. Taylorsville										Location (A-J)	
Rev. John Gray										Racial/Eth. Grp. (1-7)	
141 Gaines Place, Lenoir NC 28645										AM Worship Service Attendance	
Grace										Church-Type Missions Started	
Dr. Terry Ashe										Ch.-Type Mis. Oper.	
P O Box 38, Hiddenite NC 38636										Lost/Unchurched (Y/N)	
Hiddenite										Assoc. Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	
Rev. Keith Childers										Interces. Prayer (Y/N)	
3663 Robinette Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Lebanon											
Rev. William Wease											
158 Jennings Rd, Statesville NC 28677											
Linney's Grove											
Rev. Jeff Chapman											
310 Old Landfill Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Little River											
Rev. Thomas Lambert											
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Macedonia											
Rev. Bill Orren											
347 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Millersville											
Rev. Donald Goode											
47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Mountain Ridge											
Rev. Charlie Fouché											
4086 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Mt. Herman											
Rev. Monty Mathis, 216 No. Lomlie Oakley											
Road, No. Wilkesboro NC 28659											
Mt. Olive											
Rev. Jerry Gwaltney											
630 Ramble Mitchell Rd, Hiddenite NC 28636											
Pilgrim											
Rev. Darren Lambert											
67 Pleasant Hill Ch.Rd, Taylorsville 28681											
Pleasant Hill											
Rev. Michael Barber											
6114 Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681											
Smyrna											
Dr. Kenneth G. Walters											
P O Box 198, Stony Point NC 28678											
Stony Point											
Taylorville First											
None											
Three Forks											
None											
Emmanuel Hisp Baptist Mission											
Rev. Reynaldo Cantu, 10 Lake St., Granite Falls NC 28630											
TOTALS											
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS											

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL INFOR.				YEAR ENDING		9/30 1997												
Association				ALEXANDER		(Month & Day)												
State				NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Sunday School Director				Dr. Terry Ashe														
Address		City	State	Zip														
P O Box 38		Hiddenite	NC	28636														
CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																
Antioch	Mr. Doug Teague 33 Buff Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	368	41	51	44	18	19	129	61	3	2	200	11	112				
Bethlehem	Mr. Gary Pierce 75 Greenfield Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	549	34	88	70	14	51	133	138	11	10	318	30	310				
Beulah	Mr. Tommy Watson P O Box 814, Taylorsville NC 28681	50	7	9	4	2	1	13	14	0	0	40	0	60				
Calvary	Mr. Stanley Carrigan 786 County Home Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	205	18	10	22	31	23	21	80	0	0	205	10	0				
East Taylorsville	Mr. Matt Johnson P O Box 264, Hiddenite NC 28636	712	90	75	69	28	28	332	64	11	15	416	10	72				
Grace																		
Hiddenite	Mr. William G. Sharpe Rt 2 Box 444, Hiddenite NC 28636	131	8	19	20	4	11	49	18	2	0	84	12	130				
Lebanon	Mr. Jimmie Watts 331 Boone Gap Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	86	15	13	11	6	17	24	0	0	0	69	5	75				
Limey's Grove	Mr. Ronald Gwaltney Rt 1 Box 165, Hiddenite NC 28636	100	12	9	9	5	27	26	10	2	0	73	0	81				
Little River	Mr. Keith Meadows 353 Moose Rd., Taylorsville NC 28681	136	4	27	20	0	39	25	17	4	0	130	11	124				
Macedonia	Mr. Gary Bowman 560 Boston Rd., Taylorsville NC 28681	125	6	17	10	5	19	30	35	3	0	65	0	140				
Millersville	Mr. Scott Ballard 77 Pearl Oak Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	277	49	40	39	2	39	55	52	1	0	190	10	224				
Mountain Ridge	Mr. David Pennell 1664 Mtn. Ridge Church Rd, Taylorsville	40	6	3	2	1	5	19	3	1	0	35	1	50				
Mt. Herman	Mr. Lex Johnson 6008 Hwy 16 South, Taylorsville NC 28681	143	20	17	11	5	14	18	53	5	0	111	0	76				
Mt. Olive	Mr. Allen Deal 227 Deal Orchard Ln, Taylorsville NC 28681	46	3	3	4	5	1	17	11	2	0	40	0	16				
Pilgrim	Mr. Rick Milligan Rt 1 Box 204, Hiddenite NC 28636	86	8	8	7	13	11	10	26	3	0	76	2	87				
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Joey Campbell 315 Daniele Lumber Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	160	10	20	20	14	20	34	41	1	0	105	8	77				
Smyrna	Mr. Mark Sipe 237 Hefner Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	108	19	16	17	14	10	14	12	6	0	90	0	89				
Stony Point	Mr. Bill Moody 4290 Taylorsville Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	338	35	47	44	16	44	104	35	5	8	186	0	215				
Taylorsville First	Mr. Darwin Bell 120 Third Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville NC 28681	220	27	13	16	4	38	42	77	3	0	140	5	219				
Three Forks	Mr. Barry Pennell 1414 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	342	50	34	27	18	50	81	74	8	0	263	0	203				
Emmanuel Hsp. Baptist Mission		8										20						
TOTALS		4230	462	519	474	225	467	1176	821	71	35	2856	115	2360				
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		4343	480	530	427	232	658	967	757	123	80	2867	67	2298				

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING		1997		21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e	
Association ALEXANDER				(Month & Day) 9 / 30										
State NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Music Director Rev. Chip Holden														
Address P O Box 906		City Taylorsville	State NC	Zip 28681	TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT		Preschool 3-5 yrs.		Children 6-11 yrs.		Youth 12-17 yrs.		Adult Choirs 18 & Up	Other Music Groups
CHURCHES					MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)									
Antioch					Mrs. Sheila T. Austin 131 Ciner Creek Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	100	27	27	0	35	11			
Bethlehem					Mr. Ron Vannoy 205 Valley Road, Hickory NC 28601	110	10	35	7	45	13			
Beulah					Mr. Jimmy Smith 66 Howard Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681	14	0	0	0	14	0			
Calvary					Mr. Kurt Dyson 1643 St. Clair Road, Taylorsville NC 28681	177	19	19	25	62	52			
East Taylorsville					Rev. Chip Holden P O Box 906, Taylorsville NC 28681	147	0	44	26	60	17			
Grace														
Hiddenite					Mrs. Barbara B. Odom 404 Jay Burke Rd., Taylorsville NC 28681	65	3	15	22	16	9			
Lebanon					Mr. Richard Bumgarner 215 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	60	9	5	4	25	17			
Linney's Grove					Mr. Danny R. Millsaps Rt 1 Box 132A, Hiddenite NC 28636	35	0	6	4	25	0			
Little River					Mr. David Mecmore 58 Fairgrounds Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	107	7	22	16	55	7			
Macedonia					Mr. John Thomas 940 27th St NE, Hickory NC 28601	39	4	4	3	28	0			
Millersville					Mr. Tom Seamone 125 Winter Haven, Taylorsville NC 28681	65	10	5	0	38	12			
Mountain Ridge					Mrs. Karen Copeland 590 Liberty Grove Church Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	17	0	2	0	15	0			
Mt. Herman					Mr. Louis Robinson 533 18th St NW, Hickory NC 28601	84	0	14	0	60	10			
Mt. Olive					Mr. Steve Childers 7972 N NC Hwy 16, Moravian Falls NC 28654	16	0	0	0	16	2			
Pilgrim					Mr. Junior Mitchell 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville NC 28681	58	7	7	7	23	14			
Pleasant Hill					Mrs. Amy Dagenhart 190 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	40	3	6	6	25	0			
Smyrna					Mr. Barry Mullis 4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	67	6	7	19	25	10			
Stony Point					Mrs. Shirley Lackey 259 Harris Bridge Rd, Stony Point NC 28678	103	10	15	15	50	13			
Taylorsville First					Mrs. Shirley C. Bell 120 Third Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville NC 28681	81	15	8	7	32	19			
Three Forks					Mr. Escar Childers 1219 Gill Childers Rd, Taylorsville NC 28681	163	15	35	45	68	0			
Emmanuel Hsp. Baptist Mission						6			1	5				
TOTALS						1554	145	276	207	722	206			
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS*						1672								

Association		YEAR ENDING	1997	22		22f		23		23b		23c		24		24a		24b		24c		24d	
ALEXANDER		(Month & Day)		9/30																			
State		NORTH CAROLINA																					
Associational WMU Director and Address		168 Hillsdale Lane																					
Mrs. Pat Heinfield		Taylorsville NC 28681																					
Associational Brotherhood Director and Address		85 Lynell Street NE																					
Mr. Bob Brevington		Taylorsville NC 28681																					
CHURCHES		WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																					
		BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																					
Antioch		Mrs. Vivie Cline, 858 Antioch Ch Rd, Taylorsville	16	7	9	0	156	12	44	18	69	13	44	19	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethlehem		Mr. Ron Honeysuckle, 257 E. Duncan Hill Ln, Taylorsville	365	65	300	0	64	10	23	0	25	6	97	12	25	60	0	0	0	0	0		
Beulah		None	0				0																
Calvary		None	0				0																
East Taylorsville		Mrs. Anna Chapman, 650 Old Wilkesboro Rd, Taylorsville	75	75	0	0	77	16	35	14	12	0	73	0	3	70	0	0	0	0	0		
Grace		Mr. Vernon Charles, 993 Piney Grove Rd, Taylorsville																					
Hiddenite		Mrs. Carol Baker, 271 Watson Ave, Taylorsville	27	10	16	1	25	5	15	0	0	5	22	6	0	0	16	0	0	0	0		
Lebanon		Mr. Mark Odom, 404 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville	0				0						0										
Linney's Grove		None	0				0						0										
Little River		None	0				12	0	0	0	9	3	0										
Macedonia		Mrs. Beverly Smith, 2480 Bird Ave, Taylorsville	0				38	2	7	8	16	5	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Millersville		Mrs. Diane Fox, 92 S. Bethlehem Terrace Ln, Taylorsville	42	42	0	0	101	29	11	9	50	2	39	21	0	18	0	0	0	0	0		
Mountain Ridge		Mr. Mark Perry, 772 Ben Thompson Ln, Taylorsville	0				0						0										
Mt. Herman		Mrs. Betty Loyette, 6165 US Hwy 64-90W, Taylorsville	10	7	0	3	50	5	6	7	32	0	19	4	0	15	0	0	0	0	0		
Mt. Olive		Mr. Dallas Dole, 99 Dewey Elder Ln, Taylorsville	0				13	0	0	1	10	2	0										
Pigritm		Mrs. June Lynn Fortner, 75 Moorefield Rd, Taylorsville	0				18	2	1	3	8	4	0										
Pleasant Hill		Mrs. Pam Woodruff, Rt1 Box 206, Hiddenite	0				18	2	1	3	8	4	0										
Smyrna		Mrs. Lena Campbell, 315 Daniels Lumber Rd, Taylorsville	17	10	7	0	25	6	0	0	15	4	0										
Stony Point		Mrs. Glenn Setzer, 395 Old and 11 Rd, Taylorsville	0				18	10	7	0	0	1	0										
Taylorsville First		Mrs. Cathy Hartness, PO Box 294, Stony Point	53	52	1	0	65	10	11	0	35	9	27	8	0	19	0	0	0	0	0		
Three Forks		Mr. Bill Moody, 4290 Taylorsville Rd, Statesville	27	15	12	0	47	11	8	10	18	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Mr. Ben Hines, 919 Zeb Watts Rd, Taylorsville	114	53	55	6	100	12	13	15	10	50	82	10	12	10	50	0	0	0	0		
		Mrs. Judy Moore, 569 Gillchiffers Rd, Taylorsville																					
		Mr. Mendell Pennell, 1362 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville																					
TOTALS			746	336	400	10	809	130	181	85	309	104	419	92	43	218	66	0	0	0	0		
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS							801							106	74	175	20						

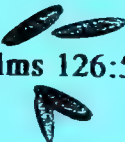
FINANCIAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING 9/30 1997		26	27	28	Add 26 - 28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
Association				(Month & Day)															
ALEXANDER																			
State																			
NORTH CAROLINA																			
Associational Treasurer																			
Mrs. Robbt Glass																			
Address				City	State	Zip													
P O Box 875				Taylorville	NC	28681	Undesignated Gifts	Designated Gifts	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Assoc. Missions	State Missions	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Other SBC Mission Expenditures	Non-SBC Mission Expenditures	Value-Cong. Property	Congregational Debt
CHURCHES				TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
Antioch	Mt. Wayne Holland	235 John Cline Rd., Taylorville NC 28681		251,325	25,200	0	276,525	46,124	6,281	1,750	5,330	8,561	4,093	4,345	2123103	0			
Bethlehem	Mt. Bud Bollinger	86 Dogwood Ct., Taylorville NC 28681		440,371	66,847	0	507,218	33,810	3,000	2,810	4,921	8,271	0	7,725	1950000	170,000			
Bulah	Mrs. Alene Keller	414 E. Main Ave., Taylorville NC 28681		39,816	2,058	0	41,874	0	0	0	71	314	0	900	570000	0			
Calvary	Mt. Dwight Warren	161 Airport Rd., Taylorville NC 28681		6,604	9,750	242,524	258,878	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	565000	0			
East Taylorville	Mrs. Christa Mike	P O Box 906, Taylorville NC 28681		413,639	38,800	1,601	454,040	12,375	1,834	4,722	4,309	8,456	12,287	23,449	1768959	0			
Grace																			
Hiddendale	Mrs. Martha P. Hines	182 Woodridge Dr., Taylorville NC 28681		102,189	23,030	0	125,219	5,900	2,000	1,073	264	1,395	1,358	0	1000000	259,079			
Lebanon	Mrs. Mary Watts	2558 Little River Rd., Taylorville NC28681		131,689	6,797	915	139,401	13,169	1,200	1,275	915	1,231	2,000	9,380	930700	0			
Liney's Grove	Mrs. Linda Hayes	Route 1 Box 171, Hiddendale NC 28636		39,349	20,171	312	59,832	500	1,000	0	482	872	727	0	504400	0			
Little River	Mrs. Esther White	3790 Robbette Rd., Taylorville NC 28681		154,421	40,915	238	195,574	12,966	4,979	0	449	5,789	1,338	6,155	475000	0			
Macedonia	Mrs. Jolene Fox	6174 Hwy 16 So., Taylorville NC 28681		66,194	7,798	0	73,992	2,160	550	168	194	2,084	0	4,791	900000	0			
Millersville	Mrs. Brenda Hartness	46 Hardrock Lane, Taylorville NC 28681		285,677	20,648	0	306,325	29,047	1,650	1,100	2,912	5,432	1,500	4,900	1700000	423,003			
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Geraldine Henton	1266 Mountain Ridge Ch.Rd.Taylorville28681		38,416	531	0	38,947	0	761	0	178	352	1,500	300	310000	0			
Mt. Herman	Miss Wanda Holczclaw	519 Wilkesboro Rd., Taylorville NC 28681		153,868	37,754	0	191,622	22,881	4,329	1,617	2,690	4,109	0	0	981000	0			
Mt. Olive	Miss Stephanie Marlowe	Rt 1 Box 114, Hiddendale NC 28636		35,737	4,760	1,558	42,055	275	200	327	530	600	1,720	173	320000	0			
Pilgrim	Mrs. Billie Carrigan	Rt 1 Box 251, Hiddendale NC 28636		53,792	14,449	0	68,241	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	700000	0			
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Phyllis Teague	5097 NC Hwy 16 N, Taylorville NC 28681		110,089	11,279	969	122,337	7,510	2,700	1,264	2,019	3,260	5,994	624	1000000	0			
Smyrna	Mrs. Kathy Bowles	1494 York Institute Rd, Hiddendale NC 28636		140,106	2,883	1,750	144,739	19,214	4,203	227	449	1,012	269	15,729	300000	0			
Stony Point	Mrs. Jan M. James	731 Moose Rd, Stony Point NC 28678		217,374	32,088	4,099	254,361	22,886	11,443	75	3,149	7,650	700	0	415000	46,163			
Taylorville First	Mr. Kenneth Patterson	980 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorville NC 28681		247,600	65,340	4,875	317,815	15,647	3,611	1,450	1,472	7,236	8,669	34,293	1610000	57,690			
Three Forks	Mrs. Kay Wright	2972 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorville 28681		354,402	81,650	0	436,052	24,000	4,500	5,000	5,850	16,513	32,600	35,263	1800000	0			
Emanuel Hlep. Baptist Mission																			
TOTALS				3,282,648	512,748	259,641	4,055,047	267,464	54,841	22,858	36,184	83,137	74,755	148,027	9923162	955,935			
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS				3,330,925	549,636		3,973,959	240,840	52,352	21,738	38,114	81,631	135,946		20121555	976,310			

DIGEST OF LETTERS
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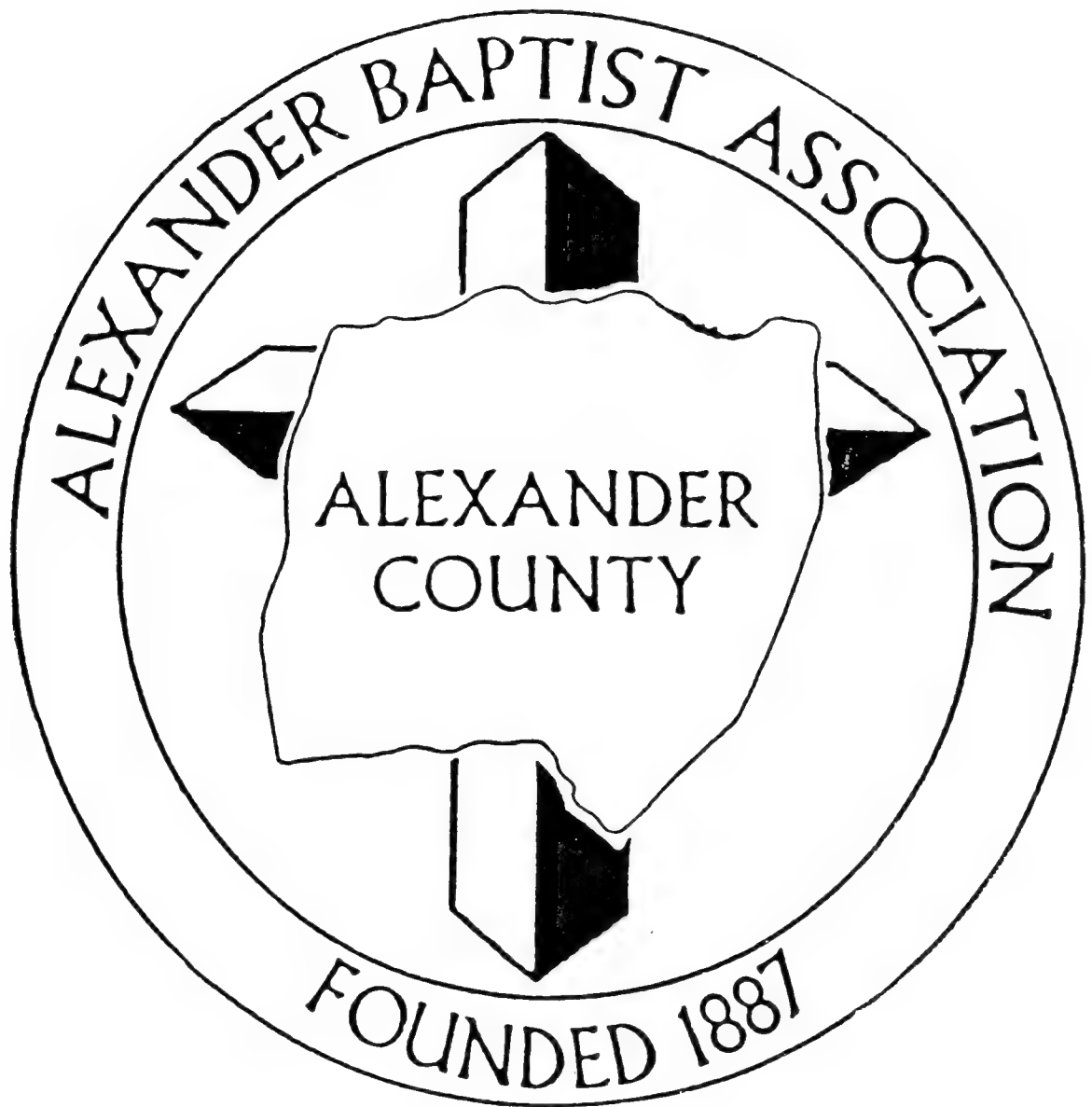
NAME OF CHURCH		County	Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Congregational Debt
Antioch	Alexander		625	12	17	368	200	112	91	100	156	44	276,525	76,184	46,124	6,281	2,123,103	0
Bethlehem	Alexander		860	1	71	519	318	310	200	110	64	97	507,218	60,537	33,810	3,000	1,950,000	170,000
Baulah	Alexander		236	2	5	50	115	60	0	14	0	0	11,874	1,285	300	0	570,000	0
Calvary	Alexander		265	9	1	205	205	0	0	177	0	0	258,878	0	0	0	565,000	0
East Taylorsville	Alexander		1,319	28	26	712	116	72	248	117	77	73	454,010	67,432	12,375	1,831	1,768,959	0
Grace																		
Hiddenite	Alexander		273	6	6	131	84	130	11	65	25	22	125,219	11,990	5,900	2,000	1,000,000	259,879
Lebanon	Alexander		191	2	1	86	69	75	0	60	0	0	139,401	29,170	13,169	1,200	930,700	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander		203	5	1	100	73	81	0	35	0	0	59,832	3,581	500	1,000	510,400	0
Little River	Alexander		318	3	7	136	130	124	40	107	12	0	195,574	31,676	12,966	4,979	475,000	0
Macedonia	Alexander		275	6	0	125	65	110	0	35	38	8	73,992	9,779	2,160	550	900,000	0
Millersville	Alexander		683	15	16	277	190	224	0	65	101	39	306,325	46,541	29,047	1,650	1,700,000	123,003
Mountain Ridge	Alexander		112	8	0	40	35	50	0	17	0	0	38,947	3,091	0	761	310,000	0
Mt. Herman	Alexander		260	3	5	143	111	76	0	81	50	19	191,622	35,626	22,881	4,329	981,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander		145	1	3	46	40	16	0	16	13	0	42,055	3,825	275	200	320,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander		210	2	1	86	76	87	0	58	18	0	68,241	600	0	690	700,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Alexander		313	2	0	160	105	77	0	40	25	0	122,337	23,371	7,510	2,700	1,000,000	0
Smyma	Alexander		279	29	1	108	90	89	0	67	18	0	144,739	40,103	18,211	4,203	300,000	0
Stony Point	Alexander		609	6	6	338	186	215	219	103	65	27	254,361	115,903	22,886	11,143	415,000	46,163
Taylorsville First	Alexander		588	3	9	220	110	219	0	81	47	8	317,815	72,378	15,617	3,611	1,610,000	57,690
Three Forks	Alexander		724	8	15	342	263	203	204	163	100	82	136,052	123,726	24,000	4,500	1,800,000	0
Emmanuel Hispanic Baptist Mission	Alexander		12	5		8	20		8	6								
TOTALS			8563	170	194	4230	2856	2360	979	1,551	809	419	3,264,194	687,098	267,764	54,841	19,959,162	895,935
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS			8994	242	233	4341	2867	2344	818	1,672	793		3,973,959	600,276	240,840	52,552	20,121,555	961,310

CELEBRATE JESUS

SOWING
GOING WEEPING
REAPING


Psalms 126:5-6

Bringing in the Sheaves



"A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER"

(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Acts 1:8)

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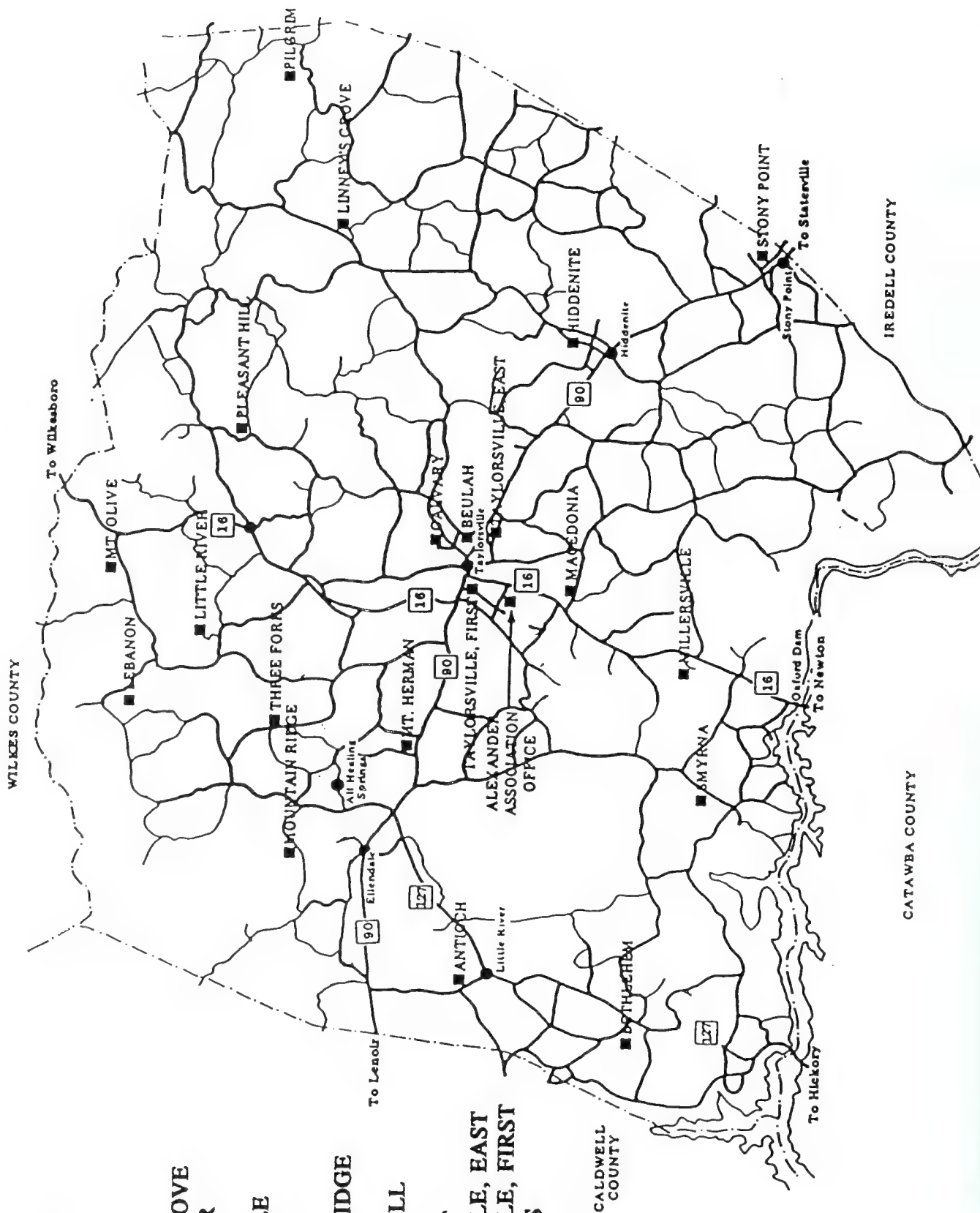
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 CALVARY
 HIDDENITE
 LEBANON
 LINNEY'S GROVE
 LITTLE RIVER
 MACEDONIA
 MILLERSVILLE
 MT. HERMAN
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 MOUNTAIN RIDGE
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 STONY POINT
 TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
 TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
 THREE FORKS



Minutes
of the
One Hundred-Eleventh Annual Session
of the
ALEXANDER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
NORTH CAROLINA



Next Semi-Annual Session

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
March 25, 1999

LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
October 7, 1999
(Morning)

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
October 7, 1999
(Evening)

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We, the Alexander Baptist Association, DEDICATE THE MINUTES OF OUR 111th ANNUAL SESSION IN HONOR of DR. KENNETH WALTERS. Dr. Walters was born in Virginia and is married to Elizabeth. They have two daughters - Hope, a student at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, and Jennifer, a student at Wake Forest University. Dr. Walters is a gradu-

ate of the University of Richmond, VA with a B.A. Degree. He holds two earned graduate degrees from Southeastern Baptist Seminary - the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry. He has served as pastor in three churches - in Washington NC, Shelby NC, and has served the Stony Point Baptist Church faithfully for the past fourteen years. He has served several terms as an officer in the Alexander County Ministerial Association.

He is currently serving NC Baptists on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention and has served as a Church Growth Consultant with the State Convention. He is currently Evangelism Director of the Alexander Baptist Association.

Ken has served as a Trustee of the Christian Action League of NC, member of Alexander County Human Relations Council, Member Board of Advisors for Hospital Chaplaincy Program, Facilitator for Pastors' Personal and Professional Group, and Seminary Extension Teacher for Pastoral Care. He has served the Alexander Baptist Association in the following positions: Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, President of Pastors' Conference, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Chairman of the Nominating, Membership Ordination, and other committees. He assumed the leadership of our Association as Moderator and directed the Association for five months in the interim prior to the coming of our present Intentional Interim Director of Missions.

He has led Stony Point Baptist Church to adopt a long range plan, one facet of which was to increase the church staff with an Associate Pastor, which has been accomplished, and to complete relocation of the church by the year 2008 on the Old Mountain Road south of Stony Point.

We heartily dedicate the 1998 Annual to Dr. Kenneth Walters.

In Memoriam

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Mr. Jack D. Reid
Mrs. Martha Benfield Reid
Mr. Clark Teague

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Mr. Tommy Hefner-Deacon
Mr. Harry Tart

BEULAH

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Mrs. Fannie Deal
Mr. Rick Pennell

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Mr. Carroll Miller

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Mr. Lewis Burgess
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Mrs. Helen Dyson
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Mrs. Lena Icenhour
Mrs. Pauline Presnell
Mr. Harding Wagner
Mr. Bill Watson

HIDDENITE

Mrs. Kate Emma H. Allen

LEBANON

None

LINNEY'S GROVE

None

LITTLE RIVER

Mr. Connie Brown
Mrs. Lena Belle Bentley
Mrs. L. D. Welborn

MACEDONIA

None

MILLERSVILLE

Mr. Floyd (Num) Icenhour
Mrs. Ruth S. Kerley

MOUNTAIN RIDGE

None

MT. HERMAN

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Mrs. Estelle Stafford

MT. OLIVE

Mr. Phil Lowe
Mr. Roy Russell

PILGRIM

None

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Mrs. Louise Harrington
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Mr. Donnie Milstead
Mrs. Mary Lou St.Clair

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee continued to hear reports of all standing committees and organizations on a quarterly basis for the year. Those reports can be seen throughout the Book of Reports.

The Executive Committee concentrated its attention on the report of "The Committee of 21" concerning the viability of our Association. The following report and action was taken:

Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, reported that 16 churches of 21 churches indicated they wish to remain a Free Standing Association, or 75%. We took that as a very strong indication that the Committee of 21 is to recommend that we remain a Free Standing Association and that we maintain the present level of personnel in the positions in which they are now serving. We are looking that in the course of the next year a budget of \$80,000 - personnel being about \$32,479 of that, operation being about \$21,925, and the balance of about \$26,000 would be used for programs. The Baptist State Convention tells us this is the minimum on which a viable association can operate. With 75% of our churches indicating they want to stay as we are, and three out of four churches that said they would like to see us merge, have indicated that they would stay on and help us make this work, we have a good percentage that will help make us stay free and independent. Some changes may have to be made but we would hold the total budget at \$80,000.00.

We have taken the \$59,000 First Union Certificate of Deposit, added the Relocation Fund to that, and out of our Checking Account we would see how much money we have available and use it for whatever needs to be done. The Building and Grounds Committee is looking now at adding about 700 square feet of new space to the present building, and making that a new meeting room, handicap accessible, then all the building could be entered through that area. We would have two meeting areas, with the three offices left for the personnel. Shelves will be placed in the new area and part of the old area for all the resources that need to be placed in the Media Center. We're looking at about \$14,000 of helpful resources. Churches could check out the resources, overhead projector, etc., and use them. A computer will be in the Resource Center for use by churches that cannot afford a computer.

During the next six months to one year we will offer churches needed programs and model programs for their consideration. We will still do a lot of things together. Regardless of the future, we must do the remodeling and fill the Resource Center with materials the churches need.

The RECOMMENDATION is that we remain the same, that we begin this remodeling, secure the resources, and that we take all the appropriate steps to put this Association in place. Rev. David Giffin moved the recommendation be accepted and presented to the Spring Session of the Alexander Association. Dr. Kenneth Walters seconded the motion, and it passed by raising the right hand - it passed by unanimous vote.

The recommendation was ratified by a unanimous vote at the Spring Meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
MODERATOR

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Fall Session - October 7, 1999
AM Session - Linney's Grove Baptist Church
PM Session - Bethlehem Baptist Church

Spring Session - March 25, 1999
PM Session - Little River Baptist Church



*Call to me and I will answer you
and show you great and mighty
things which you have not known.*

Jeremiah 33:3

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111th ANNUAL SESSION**

October 1, 1998

**Theme: "CELEBRATE JESUS -
Going, Weeping, Sowing, Reaping"
Psalms 126:5-6**

HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice-Moderator
Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director
Rev. Bill Goble, Interim Director of Missions
Mrs. Mary Ashe, CCM Director

9:00 AM Hymn....."Bringing in the Sheaves".....Insert
Devotion and Prayer....Host Pastor.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Welcome Host Pastor.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Constitution of Session.....Rev. Gary Jennings
Roll Call of Churches, Clerk.....Miss Emilyn Wagner
Order of Business.....Mr. Kenneth Kerley
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble, DOM
Recognition of Visitors.....Moderator
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Announcements.....Moderator
9:25 AM Hymn....."Rescue the Perishing".....#559

9:30 AM Reports

NC Baptist Retirement Homes...Rev. Calvin Knight, Chaplain
.....Brookridge Retirement Home, Winston-Salem
Memorials.....Clerk
Executive Committee.....Moderator
Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Budget & Finance/Adoption of Budget.....Kenneth Kerley
Int.Dir.of Missions/Calendar of Events....Rev. Bill Goble
Volunteer Selection Committee Update.....Rev. Bill Goble
Building & Grounds.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Ordination Examining.....Dr. Terry Ashe
Pastoral Ministries.....Dr. Richard Jordan
Church Media Library.....Ruth Etta White
10:20 AM Hymn....."Shine Jesus Shine".....#579

Missions Performance Council - Reports

Missions Development - CCM Director.....Mary Ashe
Sunday School.....Rev. Craig Hamlin
Discipleship.....Cathy Hartness
WMU.....Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood (Baptist Men).....Bob Brewington
Music.....Rev..Chip Holden
Youth.....
Stewardship.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Extension & Prison Ministry..Rev. David Giffin

Evangelism Council.....Rev. Kenneth Walters
Christian Life Commission.....Rev. Keith Childers

Annual/Spring Meetings, Place/Preacher....Dr. Ken Walters
Resolutions.....Rev. William Wease
Miscellaneous Business.....Moderator
Dedication of 1998 Annual Minutes.....Clerk
11:00 AM Youth Ministry (Evangelism) John Johnson, Concord

11:20 AM Introduction of Speaker.....Moderator
Congregational Hymn....."Little is Much".....Insert

A N N U A L S E R M O N
REV. MIKE RUNION, Pastor
THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon: "Understanding the Soils" Matthew 13:1-9

12 Noon - Prayer of Thanksgiving - Adjourn for Lunch

EVENING SESSION - 7:00 PM
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH - TAYLORSVILLE
Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator Presiding

7:00 PM
Call to Worship....."Going, Weeping, Sowing, Reaping"
.....Congregation & Ensemble.....Insert
Devotion & Prayer.....Host Pastor.....Rev. Chase White
Welcome Host Pastor.....Rev. Chase White
Announcements.....Moderator
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
7:40 PM Hymn....."Bring Them In".....#85

Deacon Ministries.....Kenneth Kerley
Senior Adult Ministry.....Mrs. Luci Patterson
Evangelism/Outreach Presentations:

1. "How Sunday School is Organized to be the Outreach Arm of the Church".....Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC
2. "Reach Out Honor Roll" - What We are Doing In Evangelism.....Rev. Jeff Bowden, Bethlehem Church
3. "What our Church is Doing in Evangelism", "Share Jesus Without Fear", "Mapping Center For Evangelism".....Dr. Kenneth Walters

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Dr. Kenneth Walters
Special Music.."Celebrating Jesus"...Celebration Ensemble

Sermon.....Rev. Nelson Searcy, Personal Evangelism, BSCNC
Install Associational Leaders.....Moderator

9:00 PM - Adjourn to Fellowship Hall for Refreshments

Hiddenite Baptist Church

In 1915 twenty-six members met in the old Hiddenite School building to begin a new church. In 1929 the building, which is now the fellowship hall, was erected. The present sanctuary was dedicated in 1977.

In November of 1995 a new educational building was started. A dedication service for the updated fellowship hall and the new educational building was held in November of 1996.

Hiddenite youth are busy. In 1995 thirteen youth and two adults spent a week at Camp Caswell studying mission work and cleaning buildings. In the spring of 1996 fourteen youth and two adults assisted with mission projects at the Youth Prison in Spruce Pine. In 1957 fifteen youth and four adults spent five days at the coast helping flood victims. In 1998 thirteen youth and two adults worked in mission work at the coast painting houses.

Hiddenite has a graded Sunday School for all ages. Mission groups meet during the week. They have Wednesday night meals weekly, including food delivery to the homebound.

We last met here in 1995 and the History of Hiddenite Baptist Church prior to that are printed in the Alexander Association Minutes.

Rev. Terry Ashe is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,



Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

HISTORY OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

The Alexander Baptist Association met with Beulah Baptist Church in 1959 and the history to that date was written by my father, Charles Echerd. That was the last history that he wrote since he died soon after. He listed 13 pastors and they were followed by: Frank Johnson, Ray Starnes, James Meachum, Steven Dagenhart, Steve Gunter, Rick McClure and the current pastor, Chase White who came in 1996.

Some time before 1916, the owners of Taylorsville Cotton Mill erected a 30 by 40 foot building across the lake from the mill for use of the residents of the mill village for a place of worship. Before the erection of that building, U. P. Wilson and others conducted a Sunday School in a dwelling. In 1913 two college students, Lloyd Teague and Frank Austin, held a revival service where there were 20 converts. The revival and the Sunday School were the beginning of the organization called Beulah Baptist Church. The first report to the Association in 1915 listed 86 members.

In December 1956 the members voted to build a church on a lot donated by the owners of Irene Cotton Mill. In January 1958 they voted to borrow \$10,000 to finish the building. Mr. Echerd wrote "Today the Association is meeting in their new brick-veneered church erected by as courageous a band of Christians it has been my privilege to know. The evidence that these people have been praying for the Lord's work through the years is that two young preachers, James Lail and Henry McDuffie, have come out of this congregation."

The church clerk reports that the facilities have been improved with a new vestibule, Sunday School rooms, carpet, paint and a sound system. In 1996 they voted to build a covered fellowship center which has since been enclosed. Adjoining property has been purchased and a parking lot has been paved. The parsonage was built on Marsh Road in 1996.

The church has organized youth programs for all ages and there is an active WMU led by the pastor's wife. Each summer a VBS is held and in October there is a fall festival when the children dress up as Bible characters.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Echerd

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Rev. Bill Goble, Interim Director of Missions
Mrs. Mary Ashe, CCM Director

1. The First Session of the 111th Annual Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, on Thursday, October 1, 1998, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Hiddenite Baptist Church.

2. Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

3. Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves", with Mrs. Shirley Lackey, of Stony Point Baptist Church, as pianist.

4. Dr. Terry Ashe, Host Pastor, read Habakkuk 1:3-4; 2:2-4 and brought a devotion on "Call to Faith", and led in prayer.

5. Dr. Ashe welcomed those present to Hiddenite Baptist Church, gave some instructions about the building, and excused himself from the rest of the meeting to go finish cooking lunch. He urged everyone to stay for the noon meal.

6. Moderator, Rev. Gary Jennings, with a great deal of pleasure declared the 111th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association be constituted and seated for the contraction of its business.

7. Miss Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches- 18 out of 20 churches were represented by the 82 people present.

8. Kenneth Kerley, Vice-Moderator, made a motion to adopt the printed program as the order of business for this session. Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it passed by raising right hands.

9. Rev. Bill Goble, Interim Director of Missions, recognized the new pastors and staff who were present. They were: Dr. Rick Jordan, Pastor of Antioch Church; Rev. Mike Runion, Pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church; Rev. Roger Underwood, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville; Rev. Marvin Yarborough, Assistant Pastor, East Taylorsville Baptist Church; and Rev. Arnold Bell, Interim Pastor, Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

10. Rev. Jennings recognized the visitor - Rev. Calvin Knight, Chaplain, Brookridge Retirement Home, Winston-Salem. Rev. Glenn Ramsey of Campbell University arrived later.

11. Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chairman of History Committee, read a history of Hiddenite Baptist Church.

12. Announcement Time: The Moderator called attention to the Wide Projector System that has been purchased for the Association and used this morning as you came in. It's to be used by the churches. This is in addition to about \$3,000.00 of resource materials that have been purchased. You will find an impressive array of new resource materials in the association office that you can borrow, take to your church, and use.

13. The congregation was led in singing the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing", under the leadership of Rev. Chip Holden.

14. REPORTS

(1) Rev. Calvin Knight, Chaplain, Brookridge Retirement Home, Winston-Salem, brought greetings from the Baptist Retirement Homes. He gave a report on the various homes and the services they provide. Some other adults want to live in their own home but need some help. Recently the Baptist Retirement Homes joined with the Presbyterian Homes in providing this service. He thanked the churches for the support they give the Baptist Retirement Homes.

(2) Emilyn Wagner began the Memorial Service by reading Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". The members of the church were asked to stand as the list from the church was read. The clerk closed with prayer.

(3) Rev. Glenn Ramsey brought greetings from Campbell University - the trustees, President Norman Riggins, the Board of Ministers, and the entire university family. The mission of Campbell University is to provide the students an opportunity to get a first class education in a Christian atmosphere, to teach students how to make a living, and also how to make a life. He thanked the churches for their financial support.

(4) Rev. Gary Jennings moved the adoption of the report of the Executive Committee, and Rev. Bill Goble seconded the motion. Rev. Jennings said in the Executive Committee Report you will find a summary of all the work done by the "Committee of 21" in bringing back a report to our Spring Association Meeting in the restructuring of and the maintaining of our Association to be a free-standing association. He thanked the "Committee of 21" for the hard work they did to complete the report - a report that was as prayerful and thoughtful a report as was possible. We wanted to make the report as good as possible to offer to the association. The hard work showed the value of the report when it was adopted at the Spring Session.

As we begin to look at the future of the Alexander Association there will be an ongoing study, and now in being done. Our associational facilities are to be brought up to a good Association Resource Center. Our Buildings and Grounds

Committee will be bringing back recommendations to the Executive Committee as soon as they complete their study. We will try to begin the remodeling and construction on the new facilities at the Baptist Building soon. We have a dream that much of the work can be done so as to save money for the association. We want to involve Baptist men in our churches to construct some of the building.

The second thing he mentioned about the future plans was to resources. He asked the people to please go home to your churches and look in your media center for all the resource materials that are still complete that you would consider donating to the resource center at the association. We want to make as many resources available as we can for training. They could still be available to you when you need them.

The motion to accept the Executive Committee's report was passed by a voice vote.

(5) Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Treasurer, presented the finance report and gave a few highlights about it. Then she moved that report be adopted. Rev. Chase White, Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

(6) Kenneth Kerley, Stewardship Director, presented the budget for the coming year. He moved that the budget be adopted for the 1998-1999 year. It was seconded by Joe McDuffie, of Little River Baptist Church, and it passed by voice vote.

(7) Rev. Bill Goble stated that he was happy to be back in his home town and church, which he left when he was 18 years old and went into the Air Force during World War II.

He asked all ministers to stand and be recognized, and then he asked for ministers' wives to stand. Rev. Goble expressed appreciation for being able to visit in churches. We began two ministries in our association this year: [1] Senior Adult Ministry - Mrs. Luci Patterson, from Pilgrim Baptist Church, is the Director; [2] Pastoral Ministry - Rev. Rick Jordan, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, is the Director. We lost Rev. Reynado Cantu, the Spanish Mission Pastor - he went to Utah to start a Spanish Mission. Our Spanish Mission is "on hold" at this time. We hope to begin this work again. We need to try to reach the many Hispanics in our area. He would like to start a singles ministry in our association this year. If you know of someone who would like to help start this let me know. We also lost our Youth Minister - Rev. Darren Davidson, moved from our association this year and no one has been found to lead this work. You will notice on our Volunteer Report the leader for the Youth Ministry is vacant.

During this year Rev. Goble would like for us to promote the "True Love Waits" Campaign in our churches. About a year from now it will culminate with all the cards signed being placed on the San Francisco Bridge. Rev. Goble asked the Moderator to appoint a committee for this.

Rev. Goble suggests we have a World Mission Conference in the spring of 2000.

We need a new Constitution for our Association. Rev. Goble asked the Moderator to appoint a Constitution Committee to bring a recommendation in a year.

Rev. Goble called attention to the Digest of Letters - Sunday School Report. What is your church doing to reach people for Bible Study and for Christ? We need to make a commitment to growth, identify our prospects in the community and try to enroll them and start new classes, conduct at least a monthly workers meeting, and have a regular visitation program. The association has purchased the book, "Power to Change Lives", and has tried to deliver a copy to each pastor and to each Sunday School Director.

Rev. Goble encouraged everyone to use the Southern Baptist Vacation Bible School materials. If you want to see a comparison of VBS materials you may contact the association office.

In the package of materials messengers received is a survey sheet. Please fill it out and return it to the association office. We want to help meet the needs of the churches in the Alexander Baptist Association. That is the purpose for existing as an association. We sent letters during the year asking pastors to give us three priority needs that our association should address. We appreciate the six pastors who responded. They requested help with training of leaders, outreach, and evangelism.

Rev. Goble called attention to the Digest of Letters. One church was inadvertently left off so look at the corrected sheet in your package. He called attention to the reports.

The Calendar on pages 15-20 was presented. Rev. Goble made a motion that we adopt the 1998-1999 Tentative Calendar, along with any other events and activities that our leaders propose during the year to help meet their needs. Kenneth Kerley, from Mt. Herman Baptist Church, seconded the motion. He called attention to the Simultaneous Revivals being promoted by the Evangelism Committee in the churches of our association and Rocky Face Association the week of October 10, 1999, and encouraged pastors to secure an evangelist and participate. It passed by a voice vote.

Rev. Goble closed his report by thanking the group for having the privilege of serving the Lord and the Alexander Baptist Association during the past year.

(8) The Volunteer Selection Committee report, in addition to needing a Youth Director, needs two leaders. The rest of the report is complete.

(9) Dr. Richard Jordan, Director, said the Pastoral Ministries is different from the other ministries of the churches. The director tries to help pastors and other ministers in their personal and professional needs. Dr. Jordan did this in the Theron Rankin Association for five years. Basically, we have leadership to come give us some training on different type of things. He has sent a survey to the pastors about their needs for personal and professional help. A few have replied.

15. Rev. Chip Holden led the group in singing the hymn, "Shine Jesus Shine".

16. MISSION PERFORMANCE COUNCIL - REPORTS

(1) Mrs. Mary Ashe, CCM Director, mentioned her report in the Book of Reports. She expressed appreciation to the churches who participated in the Toy Store and the Mission Blitz last year. She used her time today to promote the Toy Store for this year. You need to begin collecting toys for those families in your community who need assistance at Christmas. We are trying to bring all our efforts in the county "under one umbrella". Those cooperating are the Christian Crisis Center, the Salvation Army, the Department of Social Services, and the Alexander Baptist Association. The last full week in December before Christmas is the time the Toy Store will be open. Mrs. Ashe moved the adoption of her report. Kenneth Kerley seconded the motion, and it passed by a voice vote.

(2) Rev. Craig Hamlin, Sunday School Director, reported the pastors were invited to a free meal at Hidden Crystal Inn--only a few responded. The State Sunday School Department allowed the leaders to have the book, "Power to Change Lives", on the condition they be handed to the pastors personally--this was done. At the dinner meeting those present went through the book and learned some changes they may need to make. The pastors were encouraged to talk with their Sunday School Director/Minister of Education about improvements for Sunday School. Special emphasis on Sunday School was given at the Key Leadership Conference at Antioch. Rev. Hamlin moved the adoption of his report. Rev. Jeff Bowden seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

(3) Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Discipleship Training Director, sent her written report (she was at work). Mrs. Mary Ashe read the report, and moved the adoption of it. Mr. Kenneth Kerley seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

(4) Mrs. Pat Heinefield, WMU Director, reported there has been a good year in WMU. She reviewed the highlights of the WMU report found in the Book of Reports, and expressed her thanks for having the privilege of serving as WMU Director. Mrs. Heinefield moved the adoption of the WMU Report. Mr. Kenneth Kerley seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

(5) Bob Brewington, Brotherhood (Baptist Men) Director, called attention to the printed report, and reported that next year Habitat for Humanity will be operating in Alexander County. Baptist men and women will be encouraged to participate in the projects. He then moved the adoption of his report. Mrs. Mary Ashe, of Hiddenite Baptist Church, seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

(6) Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, reported a good Music Camp in June, with 28 children participating. They met part of the time at East Taylorsville, and completed the week at Stony Point Baptist Church. The musical was performed at Stony Point on Friday night. He announced the Music Camp for 1999 will be held June 7-11. Mr. Holden moved the report be adopted, with the correction of the date for the Music Camp. It was seconded and it passed by voice vote.

(7) Kenneth Kerley, Stewardship Director, gave some highlights of the past year - in April a Stewardship Conference led by Ken Batts of the State Baptist Convention Office was HELD at Harry Gant's Steakhouse and was attended by several representatives from the churches; on May 11-12 Mr. Kerley went to Ridgecrest and was a part of the Association Key Leadership Stewardship Seminar; and on August 27 Mr. Lewis Gentry, of Mocksville, led the Stewardship Conference during the Association Leadership Conference at Antioch Baptist Church. He moved the adoption of his report. The motion was seconded, and it passed by voice vote.

(8) In the absence of Rev. David Giffin, Director, the Moderator called attention to the Seminary Extension Report on Page 29 in the Book of Reports and moved the adoption of the report. Kenneth Kerley seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

(9) Dr. Kenneth Walters, Director, called attention to the Evangelism Report on page 42, and gave emphasis to some things done to prepare for coming events: (a) Divided the telephone book and asked churches to pray for all the families in their part in preparation for evangelism during the coming year. (b) There is a software computer program called "Mapping Center for Evangelism". It's in the Association Office, and can be used by the churches when it's installed in a new computer. It will help you find where your visitors live. If you have a computer in your church you might want to buy the software for your church. (c) We helped co-sponsor the Steve and Annie Chapman conference and concert, and had some response, which has been given to the pastors.

Plans for the coming year include: [1] The Mapping Center will be available for you this year in the association office. [2] We will be working with the State Convention on hosting an Evangelistic Youth Rally in the fall, probably in September, probably around the theme of "True Love Waits". [3] We are urging that we do simultaneous revivals in our association the week of October 10, 1999. [4] We urged you to be a part of the Greg Lourie Crusade In Hickory, May 1999.

You need to be aware of: {1} the change of the State Evangelism Conference from February to January 11-12, 1999, in Winston-Salem. {2} The State Convention is going to be doing something tremendous. The Southern Baptist Church with the largest attendance on a Sunday morning is Rick Warren's church in California. Our Evangelism Department is going to beam into two, or maybe three, places an evangelism conference from there - into the Greensboro or Charlotte area - close enough we can attend the one Saturday sometime in April. {3} We are going to get some direct help from our State Assistant Evangelism Director, Jim Wordsman. He has a real desire to see people saved in this state. Please pray for him. {4} We have a great Evangelism Conference coming up in February that Greg Hamlin will be leading. Don't forget to sign up for it. {5} I hope you are praying for one another. Ask your people to pray for one church in our association a week. You would pray for each church twice a year - for the pastor, for the people, and for the work of the church.

Dr. Walters moved that the Evangelism Report be adopted. Rev. Keith Childers seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

(10) Rev. Keith Childers, Chairman, mentioned the Christian Life Commission report on Page 28. He expressed thanks to the Alexander Baptist Association for enabling the Commission to bring Steve and Annie Chapman to Alexander County on Saturday afternoon, September 5, for a Marriage Enrichment Retreat, with more than 170 present. We came back that evening at 7:00 o'clock for a three-hour concert, with about 475 people attending.

This year we will try to get a contact person in each church. There are lots of issues our families and churches need to deal with this year. We want to get information to you before the fact rather than after. Rev. Childers moved the adoption of the report. Kenneth Kerley seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

17. Dr. Kenneth Walters, Chairman of Time, Place, and Preacher Committee, recommended the Spring Session of the Alexander Baptist Association be held at Little River Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. on March 25, 1999. The Annual Fall Meeting-Morning Session be held at Linney's Grove Baptist Church at 9:00 A.M. on October 7, 1999, and the Evening Session be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. that same day. The committee recommended that Rev. Michael Barber, Pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church, preach the Annual Sermon at the Fall Session. Dr. Walters moved the adoption of the report, and it was seconded. It passed by voice vote.

18. Rev. William Wease, Chairman, read the Resolutions Committee report, and moved its adoption. Bob Brewington, of Mt. Herman Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by raised hands.

19. Miscellaneous Business:

(1) Rev. Gary Jennings, Chairman of the Committee of 21, moved that the title of Rev. Bill Goble be changed from Interim Director of Missions to Director of Missions. The motion was seconded by Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, and it carried by show of hands.

(2) The Moderator appointed the "True Love Waits Committee"; all the fulltime youth pastors; and they will appoint three students - one from each of the Junior High Schools and one from Alexander Central High School - who will become a part of their committee. The parttime youth directors of churches will become consultants to the "True Love Waits Committee". Rev. Jerry Gwaltney moved that these be elected as the "True Love Waits Committee". It was seconded, and passed by raising right hands. Churches with fulltime youth pastors are East Taylorsville, Bethlehem, Stony Point, and Taylorsville, First.

(3) Rev. Jennings appointed the Constitution Rewrite Committee: Dewey Austin, from Antioch Baptist Church; Rev. Keith Childers, Pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church; Attorney and member of First Baptist Church - Richard Gwaltney; Joe McDuffie from Little River Baptist Church; and Emilyn Wagner, Association Clerk, from Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. Goble will serve as ex officio. Dr. Ken Walters moved that these five be elected the Constitution Rewrite Committee. Rev. Bill Wease seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote. They will try to have a rough draft by the Spring Session, and the final form at the Fall Session of 1999.

20. Mrs. Bobbi Glass presented the Dedication of the 1998 Association Minutes to Dr. Kenneth Walters, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church. After reading some of his history and a list of some of the positions he has held in the Alexander Association, she moved that the minutes be dedicated to Dr. Kenneth Walters. Mrs. Mary Ashe seconded the motion. The motion carried by applause.

21. The Moderator introduced Rev. John Johnson, from Concord, N. C., as a consultant to the State Evangelism Department, and as a Tentmaker - works as an optician.

22. Rev. John Johnson brought a message on youth ministry. He read Acts 17:16, 22-23 as a part of his message.

23. Rev. Jennings introduced Rev. Michael Runion, Pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church, who preached the Annual Association Sermon.

24. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Little Is Much".

25. Rev. Michael Runion read Matthew 13:1-9 as the basis for his sermon, "Understanding the Soils".

26. After Mrs. Mary Ashe gave directions to the fellowship hall, Rev. Gary Jennings led in prayer and included a blessing for the food being served for lunch.

 EVENING SESSION - 7:00 P.M.
 BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH - TAYLORSVILLE
 Thursday, October 1, 1998
 Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator Presiding

27. The Second Session of the 111th Annual Meeting was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator.

28. Under the direction of Rev. Chip Holden, the Ensemble from East Taylorsville Baptist Church, sang as the call to worship, "Going, Weeping, Sowing, Reaping". Then the congregation sang the chorus with the Ensemble.

29. Rev. Chase White, host pastor, read Luke 5:27-32 for the basis of his devotional thoughts, and lead in prayer.

30. Rev. White welcomed those present, and invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments in the fellowship hall after the program.

31. Rev. Jennings, Moderator, expressed appreciation to Beulah for hosting the Evening Session of the Annual Association. He welcomed those present.

32. Announcements: The messengers not present this morning will find the reports of the various organizations in the Book of reports they received tonight. The Moderator called attention to some things we asked our churches to do.

(1) When going back to our churches please look in your media center and other storage areas for training materials you may not be using. Would you loan them to the Association on a permanent basis and we will loan them back to you when you need them? We would like to share them with other churches. We would like to add them to the \$3,000.00 of new materials we have bought. Remember also the wide screen projector and screen we have bought which can be used by our churches.

(2) We plan to put a computer in our association office to be used by our churches. When you have time you can come use it for making banners, word processing, and other uses for your church.

(3) We plan to upgrade our building to make it more usable.

33. Rev. Bill Goble recognized Rev. Mitch King, Assistant of Stony Point Baptist Church. He then asked all pastors present to stand. The congregation gave them an applause.

34. Miss Lucy Echerd, of First Baptist Church, read the history of Beulah Baptist Church.

35. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Bring Them In". Mrs. Shirley Lackey served as pianist.

36. REPORTS

(1) Kenneth Kerley, substituting for Blayne Hollar, Deacon Consultant, moved the Deacon Ministry Report on page 11 be adopted. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

(2) Mrs. Luci Patterson, Senior Adult Director, reported her report was on page 12 of the Book of Reports. Mrs. Patterson moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded by Rev. Chase White, and passed by voice vote.

(3) Evangelism/Outreach Presentations:

[1] Rev. Craig Hamlin, Assistant Pastor of East Taylorsville Baptist Church, reported on "How Sunday School is Organized to be the Outreach Arm of the Church"

[2] Rev. Jeff Bowden, Assistant Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, gave a report on "Reach Out Honor Roll" - "What we are Doing in Evangelism".

[3] Dr. Kenneth Walters reported on "What our Church is Doing in Evangelism", "Share Jesus Without Fear", "Mapping Center for Evangelism".

37. Dr. Kenneth Walters introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Nelson Searcy, Director of Personal Evangelism of the Baptist State Convention.

38. Special Music, "Celebrating Jesus", was presented by the Celebration Ensemble of East Taylorsville Baptist Church, under the direction of Rev. Chip Holden.

39. Rev. Nelson Searcy read Acts 1:1-8, and used verse 8 as the basis of his message, "The Evangelism Methods of Jesus".

40. Rev. Gary Jennings led the Installation Service for the Association Officers and Committee Chairmen. He closed the service with prayer.

41. Rev. White gave directions on how to reach the Fellowship Hall, and the group enjoyed delicious refreshments.

Respectively submitted,

Emilyn Wagner
Clerk

The purpose of the Alexander Baptist Association under the leadership of the Holy Spirit shall be to inspire and encourage unity among the member churches in a spirit of brotherly love and cooperation, to strengthen existing churches, to promote fellowship and to establish more New Testament churches. In keeping with the Great Commission it is the intent of this association to accomplish our purpose through Christian Education, Evangelism, and Christian Social Ministries through the local churches and in cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and other cooperative Baptist bodies.

CLERK'S REPORT

Thanks to the following clerks who completed their church letters accurately and returned them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mrs. Beatrice Bellamy	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa M. Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda D. Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Paul Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Susan Ferguson	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Wanda Starnes	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Louise Hatton	-	Mountain Ridge Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Mrs. Colleen Campbell	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Tootsie Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville, First Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of regular and special activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Emilyn Wagner
ASSOCIATION CLERK

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Miles traveled: 3,626 reimbursed at \$.31 per mile.

Work in Field: 158 days in 93 churches in 154 services/events. Preached in a number of churches. Conducted Bible Study over a four to five month period in Mt. Olive Church. Attended homecomings, weddings, revivals. Visited pastor's relatives in hospitals, attended and conducted some funerals. Visited some pastors in their homes. Attended three minister Ordination Services.

Work in Office: Some consultations especially with Pastor Search Committees, many phone conversations, many mailouts to pastors and other Key Church Leaders, formulated and mail about 400 newsletters for every month except July. Attended four Executive Committee Meetings. Heavily promoted the August 27, 1998 Key Leadership Conference at Antioch Church with 206 people in attendance at the 27 Conferences - two sessions, and the Steve & Annie Chapman Marriage Seminar and Family Concert on September 5, 1998. Met with deacons in home and office in conflict management consultations. Provided resources such as video tapes, pamphlets, booklets. Worked with the Viability Study Committee of 21.

Promoted in Office and Meetings: The 1997-98 emphases and Calendar of Events of the SBC, NCSBC and the Alexander Baptist Association - also special days and special mission Prayer weeks.

Meetings Outside ABA: Alexander Ministerial Association; Habitat For Humanity Steering Committee and Board of Trustees; Ellendale Ruritan Club; Gideon's Pastor Appreciation Banquet; Invocation at County Commissioner's Meetings; Region 7 Baptist Men's Rally, Wilkesboro; ACTeam Training at Ridgecrest; State VBS Clinic, Hickory; Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest; and Morningstar Ministries Informational Meeting at No. Wilkesboro; NCMO Advocate Training, No. Wilkesboro; conducted and attended some funerals. Preached homecoming sermon at First Baptist Church, Rutherford College; NCBSA Staff-Associational Staff Meeting at Caraway Conference Center. Discipleship Training Up-date, Caraway.

Association-Sponsored Mission Projects and Events: North Korea Famine Relief 58 Food Boxes, money for meals for Alexander County Tornado Disaster Cleanup. Missions Blitz '98, Christmas Toy Store, Hymnals for Ukraine, Hispanic Mission (discontinued when Pastor Cantu left for Utah).

Many Committee Meetings in Office. Also Church Secretaries' Fellowship.

Promoted Monthly Minister's Conference and Monthly Minister's Wives Fellowship.

Alexander Baptist Association Expansion to become a Resource Center for churches:

1. Construction, paving and striping of parking lot for almost 30 cars.
2. Purchased \$3,000 worth of approximately 30 resources, including videos, books, leadership kits, notebooks, etc. Plans are to purchase video projector and screen for use by churches very soon, and other resources also in the near future.
3. Expansion of ABA Office Building for larger conference and assembly area as well as Resource Center display area - expansion to be about 700 square feet. Proposed construction will begin as soon as possible after final drawings are finished.

The purpose of Associational Missions is to support our churches in their carrying out our Lord's Great Commission - Matthew 28:19,20. In turn the churches are to support the association with prayer, funding and personnel in so doing.

Thank you so very much for your support, cooperation and prayer during the past year. Let's pray for a great year in togetherness. Unity in diversity is the traditional Baptist way. God bless you and yours. Let's reach Alexander County for Christ!

It has been a joy to serve our Lord with you!!

Bill Goble

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS



RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved by the Alexander Baptist Association in the 11th Annual Session that we are grateful to God for another year in which we could serve Him.

We are thankful to the members of Hiddenite and Beulah Churches for the warm hospitality and the delicious food we enjoyed.

We appreciate the wonderful leadership of the Director of Missions Bill Goble, Moderator Gary Jennings, Missions Development Director Mary Ashe, Secretary Bobbi Glass, and Clerk Emilyn Wagner.

We were blessed by the speakers and express our gratitude to the Program Committee for their planning of the sessions.

We appreciate the Christian Life Commission and the Association for bringing the Marriage Enrichment Seminar to our area to strengthen our homes and our families. Thank you Keith Childers, for a good job well done.

We have been challenged to be more dedicated to proclaim Jesus at home and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,
William Wease
Betty Lovette
Martha Hines

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

The Christian Life Commission of our Association is still a new arm of ministry for our churches and interest is increasing in this area. A workshop was conducted during our Key Leadership Conference held at Antioch Baptist Church on Thursday, August 27, 1998 by the Chairman of our committee. With the support of the churches of our association and in conjunction with the Evangelism Committee, the Christian Life Commission sponsored "One Special Day For The Family" with Steve and Annie Chapman leading us in a Marriage Enrichment Seminar and an Evening Concert for the Family on Saturday, September 5, 1998. From all indications the day was a real blessing and encouragement to all who were involved. Approximately 170 people attended the three hour Marriage Enrichment Seminar, and somewhere in the neighborhood of 475 people attended the Evening Concert.

During the upcoming year we hope to secure a contact person from each of our churches to serve as a liaison between our committee and our churches as we attempt to keep our people informed of relevant issues pertaining to the work of the Christian Life Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following are the recommendations of the Time and Place Committee:

The Spring Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association will meet at Little River Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on March 25, 1999.

The first Session (morning) of the Annual Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held at Linney's Grove Baptist Church at 9:00 AM on October 7, 1999, and the evening Session will be held 7:00 PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Walters
Bill Orren
Jeff Chapman

PRISON MINISTRY REPORT

Fifteen inmates have followed the Lord in baptism. Six more have professed faith in Christ.

The turnover is rapid in our minimum security unit. As many as 26 leave and new ones come and take their place monthly. The volunteers are a real help in the ministry of the prison.

Our future is uncertain but we must continue as if we will always be here.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David L. Giffin, Chaplain

MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL REPORT

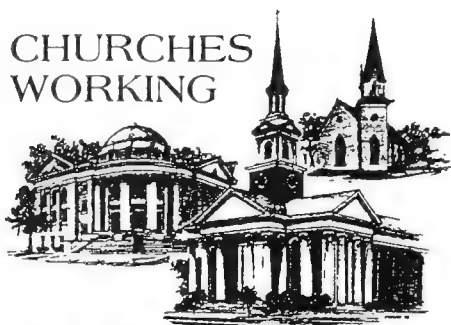
The Media Library is here to serve our Association Churches! In August of this year, just in time for our August 27 Key Leadership Conference, we purchased a little over \$3,000 in library resources in anticipation of our new Resource Center. These new resources include leadership kits, books, videos, notebooks, and a video projector and screen - all up-to-date and brand new items! At present ten new major resource items are checked out, all by Pastors or Church Leaders. Other resources will be purchased as necessary. Many items in the library, together with all the new resources recently purchased, need to be documented and processed for circulation as soon as possible. With the Association office expansion coming up very soon, we will have a larger area in which to store these new resources and be able to provide our churches with more choices.

We are delighted that there has been an increase even from last year of books, cassettes and video tapes that have been checked out of the Media Library. Word is getting out that we have these resources, we get new items nearly every month - **they are here for you to use!!** We keep current copies of the following videos: Missions USA, International Missions Update, Mandate, and On Mission with God. We also have Key Leader Audio Tapes available for you. **WMU Ladies - we have items of interest to you, too!!** Your WMU Director, Pat Heinefield has donated several "wonderful" books that will be of interest to you.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SERVE YOU IN THIS CAPACITY!

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass, Secretary
for MEDIA LIBRARY COUNCIL



TOGETHER
Through the Association and the Cooperative Program
can Witness to Our Lost World

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1998-1999 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1998

- 3 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
- 5 Steve & Annie Chapman Marriage Seminar and Family Concert
East Taylorsville Baptist Church 1-4PM, 7-9PM
- 9 Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
- 11 - 12 ETC (Equipping Today's Church), Ridgecrest
- 14 Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting, DSS
- 17 Evangelism Council, 12 Noon, Harry Gant Steakhouse
- 20 - 24 Steve Hale Evangelistic Crusade, Statesville
- 21 Helping People Know Right From Wrong, 9-12, Theron Rankin Assoc.
- 22 Celebrate Jesus 2000 Area Wide Training, FBC Clemmons

OCTOBER 1998

- 1 111th Annual Session 9AM-12 Hiddenite Church with meal,
Evening Session 7PM Beulah Church
- 1 - 7 NAMB Week at Ridgecrest
- 4 High Attendance/Soul Winning Commitment Day in the Churches
- 4 Installation of Executive Director James Royston
4PM Mills Home, Thomasville
- 8 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon ABA
- 9-10 Deacon Leadership Conference, Caraway
- 11 World Hunger Day in Churches
- 12 Habitat for Humanity 7PM DSS
- 13 Church Building Conference FBC Mooresville 9AM-4:30
- 15 Ministers/Wives/Children Cookout, Home of Rev. Jerry
and Margaret Gwaltney 6:30 PM
- 26 Leaders Training for Bible Drill Leaders/Judges Training,
Crestview Church, Lenoir
- 26 - 30 Faith/Sunday School Evangelism Strategy Training
Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte
- 30 - 31 Statewide WMU Prayer Retreat "Be Transformed by Prayer"
Mundo Vista, 5:30PM - Lunch; Leader: Ruby Fulbright

NOVEMBER 1998

- 1 - 7 RA Week in Churches
- 2 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer "Celebrate the Love of Christ"
Millersville Church, 7 PM
- 2 - 4 NC Southern Baptist Secretaries' Conference, Caswell
- 7 30 Something Young Women's Retreat 10A-3PM Ardmore Church W-S
- 9 - 11 Baptist State Convention of NC, Lawrence Joel Coliseum, W-S

12 Assn Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally 11:30-1:30 Antioch Bapt. Church
 15 - 18 International Missions Study "Wonder Working Power in Churches"
 18 Ministers' Conference F-A-I-T-H, 9AM ABA
 15 - 22 Week of Prayer & Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
 26 Thanksgiving Day
 26 - 27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
 29 - 12/5 Week of Prayer for International Missions
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 1998 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Month

1 - 4 Senior Adult Christmas By-The-Sea, Caswell
 1 - 5 International Missions Week of Prayer
 3 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
 Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
 4 - 6 Trippin' Out Acteens/Challengers Youth on Mission-Youth Leadership
 6 International Missions Day in Sunday School
 6 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
 7 - 9 Retired DOM Meeting, Caraway
 10 Assn "True Love Waits" Youth Team Luncheon 11:45 Gant Steakhouse
 10 Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner 6:30 Gant Steakhouse
 16 - 17 Operation Christmas Spirit, all day - National Guard Armory
 23 - 25 Christmas Holiday - Office Closed
 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - JESUS' BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 1999 Winter Bible Study Month

1 New Year's Day - Office Closed
 5 - 6 Assn'l Staff/General Board Staff Planning Meeting, Caraway
 7 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon Hidden Crystal Restaurant
 10 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 11 - 12 State Evangelism Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
 (Note New Date and Place)
 16 WMU Continuing Christmas Cheer, Bethlehem Church, 9:30 - Lunch
 24 Baptist Men's Day in Churches
 26 - 27 General Board, Caraway
 29 - 30 NC Baptist Men's Convention, First Church, Greensboro

FEBRUARY 1999

5 Ministers & Wives WMU Sponsored Valentine Banquet-Antioch Church
 7 - 14 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Baptist Retirement Homes
 14 Race Relations Sunday
 14 - 20 Focus on WMU
 15 - 17 Habits of Highly Effective People, Seminar, BSCNC Chapel
 19 - 20 Associational Evangelism Seminar "Becoming a Contagious Christian" -
 Craig Hamlin-Leader, 7-10PM Friday, 8AM-1PM Saturday, Assn
 Provides Lunch and Continental Breakfast
 21 Volunteers in Missions Day

21 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and School Days
 21 - 24 North American Missions Study

MARCH 1999

4 Executive Committee Meeting 7PM
 Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
 7 WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
 7 - 14 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
 10 Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
 12 - 13 State VBS Clinic (West)
 14 North American Missions Day in Sunday Schools
 18 Stewardship Conference, Harry Gant Steakhouse
 19 National Conference on Prayer "Great Commission" Praying
 Celebrate Jesus 2000 - Greensboro, Pleasant Gardens Church
 21 "Start Something New" Sunday
 21 Alcohol, Drug Abuse Prevention Sunday
 25 Spring Session Alexander Baptist Assoc Little River Ch. 7PM
 28 PALM SUNDAY/ Assn'l Bible Drill, Stony Point Church

APRIL 1999

4 EASTER - Office Closed on Good Friday, April 2
 9 Assn'l Pastor-Deacon Retreat 7-9PM
 10 State Children's Bible Drills, Valdese
 14 Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
 15 Assn'l Sunday School/Bible Teaching-Reaching Event
 16 State Youth Bible Drills and Speaker's Tournament
 16 - 17 Interfaith Witness Seminar, Caraway
 17 State RA Congress
 18 Cooperative Program Day
 19 - 23 Baptist Doctrine Study in Churches
 23 - 25 Missions Extravaganza
 25 Earth Stewards Sunday and Life Commitment Sunday
 26 - 29 Senior Adult Convention, Greensboro
 29 Assn'l VBS Clinic

MAY 1999

1 Missions Blitz in our ABA
 1 Youth Bible Drills and Speakers Tournament - Finalists
 2 Senior Adult Day
 2 - 9 Christian Home Week
 2 - 9 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospital
 3 WMU Annual Spring Meeting
 6 National Day of Prayer
 9 Mother's Day
 10 - 11 Key Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest
 12 Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA

13	Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon ABA
14 - 16	Harvest Crusade, Greg Laurie-Speaker, Crawdads Stadium - Hickory
17 - 22	Week of Prayer for Assn'l Missions
18 - 19	NC General Board Meeting, Caraway
21 - 23	State Church Media/Library Workshop, Caraway
31	Memorial Day - Office Closed
31 - 6/5	Youth Evangelism Spring Fling, Caswell

JUNE 1999

3	VBS Month Executive Committee Meeting 7PM Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
4 - 5	Single Adult Evangelism Conference, Caswell
4 - 5	Assn'l WMU Leadership Team Training, Mundo Vista
6	Religious Liberty Sunday
6	WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
7 - 11	Assn'l Children's Music Camp
9	Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
13 - 14	SBC Pastors' Conference, Atlanta
15 - 17	Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta
20	Father's Day
27	Christian Stewardship Sunday

JULY 1999

4	VBS Month Independence Day - Office Closed July 5
5 - 9	Week of Christian Study and Fellowship
12 - 14	Assn'l Staff Summer Conference, Caraway
12 - 17	World Missions Week, Caswell
16 - 17	Assn'l WMU Leadership Team Training, Caraway
19 - 23	Camp Angel Tree, Caraway
23 - 24	Assn'l WMU Team Leadership Training, Fruitland
25	Church Clerk's Meeting, Church Profile Day 3PM ABA
27 - 28	Operation Yahweh, Charlotte Area
29 - 30	Super Summer '99, Carowinds

AUGUST 1999

1	Day of Prayer For World Peace
6 - 7	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
8	Language Missions Days
11	Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
12	Church Secretaries' Conference Noon ABA
13 - 14	Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway
23 - 27	Senior Adult Conference By-The-Sea, Caswell
26	Assn'l Key Leadership Conference

SEPTEMBER 1999

TBA	Youth Evangelistic Event
2	Executive Committee Meeting 7PM Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
6	Labor Day - Office Closed
10	Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
10 - 11	ETC (Equipping Today's Church), Ridgecrest
12	WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
12 - 19	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
17 - 18	Sunday School Leadership Training I, Caraway
19	Biblical Recorder Day
24 - 25	Sunday School Leadership Training II, Caraway
28 - 29	General Board

OCTOBER 1999 **Cooperative Program Month**

1 - 2	ETC, Caswell
3	Cooperative Program/Stewardship Sunday
3	Soul Winning Commitment Sunday
7	112th Annual Session of ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
8 - 9	RA Leadership Training
Week of 10th	Celebrate Jesus 2000, Simultaneous Revivals in our Alexander County Churches
10	World Hunger Day
14	Ministers & Wives Cookout PM &/or Fellowship
14	Church Secretaries' Fellowship 12 Noon ABA
15 - 16	Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway
29-31	The Church & Addiction Conference, Caraway

NOVEMBER 1999

1 - 2	Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill Leaders/Judges Training
7 - 13	RA Week in Churches
10	Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
14 - 21	Week of Prayer & Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
15 - 17	Baptist State Convention-Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum, W-S
19 - 21	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell
25	Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

DECEMBER 1999

2	Executive Committee Meeting 7PM Taylorsville First Church Fellowship Hall
5	WMU Leadership Team Planning Meeting 3PM ABA
22 - 24	Christmas Holiday - Office Closed
25	CHRISTMAS DAY - JESUS' BIRTHDAY
31	Exciting Alternative - New Year's Retreat, Caraway

HISTORY OF PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

The first recorded records of Pilgrim Baptist Church are dated "Saturday before the fifth Lord's Day in April 1837. In the church's one hundred sixty-one year history, its accomplishments and names of pastors are recorded in past minutes. Thirty-eight pastors have served this church and the present Pastor, Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, began his ministry here in April 1991.

In 1992 a sound system was installed and a Tape Ministry begun. In 1993 a church library was furnished and a weekly church bulletin printed. In 1993-94 a Choir Loft and Baptistery was added to the sanctuary. The Educational Building was remodeled in 1995, and a Pastor's Study and Copy Room built. The library was also expanded.

In 1996 Joseph W. Campbell, III was ordained into the ministry. Pilgrim Baptist Church has an active Woman's Missionary Union and Acteens group. Their Music Ministry consists of Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs. Their present membership is 214.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pilgrim Baptist Church
Thursday, March 26, 1998

Presiding . . Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator

Theme: "Making a Difference - Together - in Jesus' Name,"
Amos 3:3

1. The Spring Session of the 111th year of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator.
2. Pilgrim Baptist Church began the meeting by serving a delicious meal at 6:00 P.M.
3. The Praise Team of East Taylorsville Baptist Church opened the 7:00 P.M. Session with a mini concert, under the direction of Rev. Chip Holden, Association Music Director.
4. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn "Bring Them In". Mrs. Shirley Lackey, of Stony Point Baptist Church, served as pianist.
5. Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, welcomed those present to the 111th Year of the Alexander Baptist Association.
6. Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, Host Pastor, welcomed the group to Pilgrim Church. He read Luke 24:14-15 for the basis of his devotional thoughts on "Making a Difference as We Work Together", and led in prayer.
7. Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chairperson of the History Committee, gave a short history of Pilgrim Baptist Church.
8. Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, called to order the Spring Session of the 111th Session of the Alexander Baptist Association for the transaction of business and for hearing reports which will make up a major part of our program this evening.
9. Miss Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches - 15 churches were represented, and 2 visitors were present.

10. The Moderator said he hoped each of the Key Leadership has had an opportunity to see the report of the March 8 Executive Committee. We are to deal with the "Report of the Committee of 21". The recommendation from the Viability Committee and the Executive Committee was that we as an Association remain the same as we have been for the past two and one-half years, that we begin the remodeling and securing the resources, and that we take all the appropriate steps to keep the Association in place. Rev. David Giffin moved the recommendation be accepted and be presented to the Spring Session of the Alexander Association, Dr. Kenneth Walters seconded the motion, and it passed by raising the right hand. It passed by unanimous vote. Rev. William Wease, Pastor of Linney's Grove Church, made a motion that we accept the "Report of the Committee of 21" and the Executive Committee, and Rev. Jerry Gwaltney seconded it.

Rev. Gary Jennings, as Moderator served as chairman of the Viability Study Committee, so he had the responsibility to speak to the report and give the findings of the Committee. We had 15 churches out of 21 churches to indicate that they wish to remain a free standing association. With 75% of the churches indicating that is their desire, we felt that was a very strong indication to the "Committee of 21". Our recommendation was based upon that finding. We want to maintain the present level of personnel, in the positions they are now serving in, which is with their consent at this point. We are looking in the course of the next year to budget \$80,000.00 to operate the Association.

The Baptist State Convention tells us that to be a viable association our size, it will require \$80,000.00 to \$81,000.00 to operate. The Personnel part of the budget would be approximately \$32,179.00, the operating budget would be approximately \$21,925.00, and the rest, approximately \$26,000.00 would be used for programs. With 75% of the churches indicating they wanted to stay as we were, 3 of the 4 churches that voted for merger with the South Yadkin Association have indicated they would stay and help us make a go of it as the Alexander Association, we feel that will give us the boost we have to have in order to do that. Some changes may have to be made, but we will try to hold the budget at a figure of \$80,000.00.

We will take approximately \$59,000.00 that we now hold in CD's, add the Relocation Fund to that, and add what we can spare from our Checking Account. Then we will see how much we can do to improve our buildings, grounds, and office.

We have lost one church at this point in time, and another church is studying what they will do about the Alexander Association vs merger, and we have not heard the outcome of the decision at this time.

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking at adding seven hundred and twenty square feet to the present building, which means we can conduct our large Executive Committee Meetings there, make it handicap accessible, and pave enough area to match it with parking. We would add shelving and remodel the old area for resources to make it an update media center which will be available to our churches. We are expecting to put about \$14,000.00 of resources in that center to be used by the churches. This gives you a bird's eye view of what we are trying to accomplish.

We want our churches to go back, look at all the resources in your library, discipleship area, etc. that are not being used, and contribute those to the Association Media Center so we will not have to buy all those. We are looking at a large video screen projection system/VCR that a church can borrow this projector system. We are looking to put a computer in the Association Office that can be used by churches for doing some of your records, banners or revival flyers, or whatever you want to do. You could come in and have a free computer to work on. We are trying our very best to model our association.

We learned a lot of things in this study. We learned a Bible truth - "Ask and ye shall receive." Our Association learned that the South Yadkin Association had gone to the Iredell Memorial Hospital and asked them for a health package for their pastors. We had never done that in Alexander County. We have since approached our hospital, and by tomorrow all of our churches in Alexander County, not just our Association, although we spearheaded it, will receive an offer from our hospital to care for our pastors and their immediate family for just what their insurance pays in case of an illness. We feel that will work with Catawba Memorial Hospital as their joint venture goes together soon, and they're already linked with Baptist Hospital so if a pastor were to have a minor hospitalization, Alexander Community Hospital would give the same benefits that Baptist Hospital would give. If it required more intensive treatment, Catawba Memorial would be at our disposal. If it were heart surgery, or something that serious, the pastor could go on to Baptist and be well cared for. (This does not include doctors' fees.)

We are going to be sharing a Health Nurse with South Yadkin.. Iredell Memorial Hospital has made one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) available for a Migrant Nurse. All it will cost us is to open our churches and give her some volunteer help. She will rotate into our county, just like Iredell County, to see migrants or indigent folks who cannot receive medical help in any other way.

We are also going to participate in the South Yadkin Fall Crusade inasmuch as it is possible at this late date. Those are some of the exciting things that are happening.

This is the basis for our recommendation. This is what we hope to do. We are going to take the next six months to try to model our Association by doing some of the things that we feel we can do for our Association. During the next entire year we want to build an ideal association. That is the recommendation coming from our Executive Committee

We have recommended to our churches that they give at least 2.5% of undesignated gifts to Associational Missions. We hope our churches will go home and do that. Look at what you can do for the Association immediately, on a monthly basis if you can do it, so that we can complete the present year, and be ready for 1999.

If you favor the recommendation of the "Committee of 21" and the Executive Committee, please let it be known by raising your right hand. There was no vote of opposition, so the vote was unanimous. We must decide what we are going to do, and do it. With the Lord's help, we can do it. Let's work hard and do our best.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator, made a motion that we cooperate as much as is possible with the South Yadkin in their Crusade in September. Churches are asked to attend, and to do whatever they can financially, and the Association will promote it as much as we can. Mr. Warren Moore, of Stony Point Baptist Church, seconded the motion, and it carried by show of right hands.

(2) Mr. Joe McDuffie made a motion that we make the necessary plans for an associational crusade of our own in the

fall of 1999. The plans for the crusade should begin soon.

Mr. Eugene Johnson, of Mt. Herman Baptist Church, seconded it. The motion carried by raising right hands.

(3) Labor Day Weekend, on Sept. 5, 1998, we will be hosting as an Association a Steve and Annie Chapman Family Life Crusade. The meeting place is East Taylorsville Baptist Church, because they can house the most people, and for a concert of Saturday night. The recommendation is that our Association take care of that crusade financially out of our funds. The "Committee of 21" and the Executive Committee feel that money that has been received from some churches should be returned and our Association take care of it. It will cost us approximately \$4,000.00. Rev. David Giffin made the above motion, and it was seconded by Rev. Mike Runion, Pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church. It carried by a unanimous vote.

12. Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Chairperson of the Volunteer Selection Committee, presented the written report of her committee. She called attention to the Sunday School and WMU reports where more workers are needed. Mrs. Hartness made a motion that the report be accepted. It was seconded by Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, and it carried by raising right hands.

13. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing three choruses:

"This Is the Day"
"I Live"
"I Will Serve Thee"

14. Rev. Gary Jennings led in prayer.

15. Special music was presented by the Praise Team from East Taylorsville Baptist Church.

16. The Moderator reported that the 90 boxes on the church porch are the exact size needed for the North Korean Relief Effort. Those boxes have been graciously supplied by Iredell Container Corp. by the owner of the company. Take as many as your church will use. If you need more call the East Taylorsville Church office or the Association Office. If we need more, we can have them in a days time. The packing instructions must be followed

to the letter. We cannot send Bibles or tracts or chocolates because they are going to a Communist country. The Bible says, "A cup of cold water given in Jesus' Name." We are going to send those boxes with a prayer. The boxes must be at East Taylorsville in the trailer, ready to go to Wilkesboro by April 9 and 10. Get the boxes, pack them according to the exact instructions, and get them back on time.

17. Mrs. Mary Ashe, Church and Community Ministries Director, introduced the program: Ministries - "In Jesus' Name For His Sake" by reading Luke 10:25-27, and introducing those who would give testimonies about ministries.

(1) Eugene Johnson, from Mt. Herman Church, who did ministry in Ukraine (Russia) helping to build a church.

(2) Mrs. Scottie Barnes, of East Taylorsville Church, works with the prison ministry.

(3) Mrs. Rose Sanders gave a testimony of how grateful she was for being able to shop for toys for her children in our "Toy Store".

(4) Rev. Daniel Whetstine, DOM Mitchell and Avery Baptist Association, came to thank the Alexander Baptist Association-churches and people - for their prayers, truck loads of food and supplies, and \$7,044.31 in money to help during their recent flood. He gave a report of some of losses suffered by some of the flood victims. He closed his report by reading Matthew 25:34-40, and led in prayer.

18. Rev. Whetstine then led a Commissioning Service for those who will be participating in the Mission Blitz May 2, 1998. He read Luke 10:1-2 as the basis of the service. He closed with prayer.

19. The congregation was led in singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" as a hymn of commitment, led by Rev. Chip Holden.

20. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has brought a recommendation for the paving at our Association Office. There are three bids - one for \$11,240.00, \$12,947.00, and \$12,336. All based on the same specifications. Rev. David Giffin made a motion that at the appropriate time we let the bid for the paving bid of the Associational property for \$11,240.00. Mr. Joe McDuffie seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

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21. We are asking that our Association Office become the Baptist Resource Center. We want to become the Resource Center for the churches in every way that is possible.

22. Rev. Chase White, Pastor of Beulah Church, led the closing prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Emilyn Wagner
Clerk

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998 - 1999**

<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>		<u>1998-99</u>
Church & Community Ministries Director		\$ 2,900.00
Christmas Bonus		150.00
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer		13,362.00
Secretary Insurance		2,438.16
Christmas Bonus		150.00
FICA Taxes		1,244.36
Director of Missions: Salary		7,368.00
Utilities/Housing		4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital)		1,632.00
Annuity		-0-
Travel		1,500.00
Christmas Bonus		400.00
Conventions		<u>1,200.00</u>
	Subtotal:	37,144.52

<u>Operation Expense</u>		
Utilities		3,100.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)		3,500.00
General Supplies (Office Expenses)		2,500.00
Postage & Box Rental		2,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance		1,000.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Worker's Comp., etc.)		1,500.00
Miscellaneous		225.00
General Conferences & Seminars		500.00
Media Center		<u>3,000.00</u>
	Subtotal:	17,825.00

<u>Ministry Expenses</u>		
Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.)		200.00
Brotherhood		700.00
Discipleship Training		300.00
Evangelism		2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry		800.00
Key Leadership		600.00
Missions Development		6,700.00
Music		1,200.00
Seminary Extension		250.00
Senior Adults		300.00
Stewardship		350.00
Sunday School (Bible Teaching-Reaching)		2,500.00
Vacation Bible School		500.00
Woman's Missionary Union		2,600.00
Youth		1,000.00
Proposed Construction		40,000.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)		<u>700.00</u>
	Subtotal:	61,200.00
	TOTAL	\$116,169.52

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Excess above budget) - \$21,428.48

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1, 1997 - August 31, 1998**

Savings as of August 31, 1998.....	\$ 2,431.96
Assoc. Relocation Fund \$2,700.91 Closed 6/25/98.....	-0-
CD \$62,194.13 Closed 6/25/98.....	-0-
Money Market Acct. Opened 6/25/98 - balance as of 8/31/98.....	53,868.93
Balance on Hand September 1, 1997.....	15,695.83
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	60,582.73
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	15,953.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 92,232.42
Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 71,362.51
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	1,117.06
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 72,479.57
BALANCE ON HAND August 31, 1998.....	\$ 19,752.85

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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....	\$ 5,681.77	Millersville.....	\$ 1,800.00
Bethlehem.....	2,333.37	Mt. Herman.....	4,373.27
Beulah.....	200.00	Mt. Olive.....	200.00
Calvary.....	-0-	Mountain Ridge.....	544.97
East Taylorsville.....	6,086.71	Pilgrim.....	862.00
Grace.....	1,965.74	Pleasant Hill.....	2,975.00
Hiddenite.....	2,350.00	Smyrna.....	3,529.58
Lebanon.....	1,900.00	Stony Point.....	10,010.24
Linney's Grove.....	1,150.00	Taylorsville First....	3,711.94
Little River.....	5,258.14	Three Forks.....	4,500.00
Macedonia.....	1,150.00		\$ 60,582.73

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt CCM Dir.....	\$ 2,498.72
BSCNC Coop Agt Hispanic Ministry Support.....	1,200.00
BSC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,163.97
NC Sales Tax Refund.....	359.59
Special Contributions.....	1,475.00
Mission Blitz Material Refund.....	200.00
L.D. Phone Reimbursement.....	16.47
Copies.....	27.99
Alexander Bible Curriculum Course.....	50.00
Mary Ashe, South Africa Trip.....	1,110.50
Key Leadership.....	483.09
Steve & Annie Chapman Retreat/Concert.....	1,000.00
RA Racers.....	232.50
Alex. Co. Habitat for Humanity.....	309.06
Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally.....	460.00
Sunday School Refund.....	17.81
WMU Offering, Women's Correctional Center, Raleigh.....	229.34
WMU School Supplies.....	25.00
GA Day Camp.....	18.72
WMU Continuing Christmas Cheer.....	289.00
WMU World Day of Prayer.....	143.00
Youth Event.....	197.12
Operation Christmas Spirit.....	200.00

Immanuel Hispanic Mission Offering.....	303.25
Hispanic Offering from Assoc.Churches/Assoc.Church Groups.....	1,935.00
Children's Music Camp.....	324.98
Van Mileage.....	310.69
Miscellaneous.....	65.06
DOM Christmas Gift.....	308.00
	<u>\$ 15,953.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Hispanic Ministry.....	\$ 450.89
Annuity.....	390.00
Mileage.....	325.00
CCM Director.....	2,403.83
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
Assoc.Secretary/Treasurer Salary and Taxes.....	12,338.20
Secretary Insurance.....	2,313.28
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,476.15
DOM: Salary.....	6,257.00
Utilities/Housing.....	4,799.80
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	975.02

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 2,713.58
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	7,870.79
General Supplies (office expense).....	2,199.19
Postage and Box Rental.....	2,299.70
Repairs and Maintenance.....	721.33
Building Renovation.....	150.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers'Comp.).....	1,415.79
Miscellaneous.....	257.82
Conferences/Seminars.....	426.33
Conventions (Director of Missions).....	387.69
Travel (Director of Missions).....	1,129.64
Media Center.....	243.45

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 180.00
Brotherhood.....	198.84
Discipleship Training.....	85.24
Evangelism.....	220.00
Missions Development.....	79.95
Music.....	657.12
Stewardship.....	48.23
Sunday School.....	1,510.77
VBS.....	371.77
WMU.....	3,775.33
Youth.....	255.00
Mission Projects-General.....	10,321.72
Mission Projects-Hispanic.....	750.71
Transportation (Van-ins/tag/maintenance/gas).....	1,063.35
	<u>\$ 71,362.51</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON BUDGET ITEMS

A/C Habitat for Humanity.....	\$ 309.06
Three Forks - Steve & Annie Chapman Retreat/Concert.....	500.00
DOM Christmas Gift.....	308.00
	<u>\$ 1,117.06</u>



Discipleship Training

The Associational Discipleship goal in the Alexander Association is to serve as a support system for the discipling efforts of our local churches. Those of us who serve in Discipleship Leadership do so in order to encourage and assist churches to discover discipling needs and determine strategies to meet those needs.

During Key Leadership Training, we assist churches in beginning or building their Discipleship programs. We had four participants in our fall leadership training.

There were 13 participants in our Associational Bible Drill representing two of our churches. Twelve of those went on to become State winners. There were four of our children who were 3 year State winners.

There is growing interest and excitement in our Association Office with the purchase of new leadership materials. With these new resources available, leadership materials will no longer be a hindrance in helping others to grow as disciples.

Please feel free to call on us with your ideas, needs or impressions.

IN SERVICE TO JESUS,

Cathy Hartness
Wanda Payne
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD/BAPTIST MEN

Attendance at the meetings in all the currently organized Baptist Men's groups remained about the same during the year. Several groups are still meeting just for a breakfast with no active involvement in mission activities. This next year there will be a concentration to increase the mission efforts and attendance in all groups and also to organize Baptist Men groups in all the churches of our association that do not currently have regular meetings. Also, at the beginning of 1999, we plan to have quarterly meetings of all the churches Baptist Men leaders in order to discuss past mission activities and future mission needs in our county.

Our Key Leadership meeting in August showed an increased interest in what other groups are doing on the mission field. Many men were interested in helping with the houses when the Alexander County Habitat for Humanity begins construction projects.

Due to unusual and extra demands on my time this past year, I was not able to attend the regular meetings of each group as I had anticipated, but I fully plan to do so during this year.

There is still much work to be done for the Lord in Alexander County. Helping to make the life of another person or family easier and better is another step to reaching the un-churched and un-saved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Brewington
Baptist Men's Director

Deaconship

The Alexander Baptist Association sponsored during “Key Leadership” on August 26, 1998, a training event for deacons in our association. The Rev. Harold McDonald, pastor of First Baptist of Albemarle, N. C. lead us in this training session and helped us reevaluate the purpose for being and the role of the deacon. We had 18 persons representing 6 churches who participated in this workshop.

There are at least five specific areas of commitment needed by deacons- Commitment to Christ, Commitment to family, Commitment to stewardship, Commitment to the Church’s ministry and Commitment to deacon ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Blayne E. Hollar

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 1997-1998 has been a year of preparation for the evangelism committee of the Alexander Baptist Association. we have engaged in three separate efforts this year, two of which have set the stage for major efforts in the year '98-'99.

The first major effort your Evangelism Committee promoted was a push to have every household in Alexander County remembered in prayer by a member of the churches of A.B.A. Believing the saying that if we depend on programs, we get what programs can achieve, if we depend on projects we get what projects can achieve, if we depend on people we get what people can achieve, but if we depend upon prayer, we get what God can achieve, we asked churches to assume responsibility for praying for the people listed in a portion of the telephone book. With the help of volunteers, the telephone book was divided and lists were mailed to pastors who had agreed that they would enlist prayer warriors who would pray for these assignments during the months of March and April, the months when many of our churches have evangelistic revivals. Although there is no way for us to know what God has done in response to these prayers, we believe that this was an important effort not only for this year, but to prepare for our efforts in the coming year.

The second emphasis for this committee this year, dealt with becoming familiar with a computer software program from the Mapping Center for Evangelism. This program has been purchased by the association and is available to the churches in the association office to help with finding prospects, direct mail efforts, prayer emphases, etc. This software can be a most effective tool for evangelism in Alexander County if our churches will take advantage of it.

Finally, your Evangelism Committee has encouraged the participation of the churches of our county in the Steve Hale Evangelistic Crusade in Statesville and intend to encourage participation in the Greg Laurie Crusade in Hickory in the Spring of 1999.

This coming year we have three projects planned in addition to the Greg Laurie Crusade.

First, we are sponsoring an evangelistic training event on the weekend of February 19-20, 1999. In an eight-hour event on Friday night and Saturday, Craig Hamlin will be training the members of our church in a seminar entitled *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. The place has not been determined, but will be announced by December. The cost will be \$8.00 and all members of our churches are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

An evangelistic event for the youth of our county to be held in September, 1999 is in the planning stages. We hope to work with the state convention to sponsor a great event which will bring many of our youth to Christ.

The final effort which your Evangelism Committee is proposing is a coordinated evangelistic effort by the Baptist churches of our county. We are encouraging simultaneous revivals in our churches during the week of October 10, 1999. We will be seeking to advertise this effort through the media of our county and join together with the pastors and evangelists for times of prayer and fellowship during this week. Your committee feels this can be a tremendously effective way to win people to Christ through the efforts of the local church in their revival while joining us together in mutual support and effort.

Ken Walters
Craig Hamlin

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE
OF
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FOR

1998 - 1999

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Gary Jennings
Vice Moderator.....Kenneth Kerley
Clerk.....Emilyn Wagner
Parliamentarian.....Ken Walters
Secretary/Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Intentional Interim Dir. of Missions....Bill Goble
Church and Community Ministries Director.Mary Ashe

STANDING COMMITTEES

HISTORY & DEDICATION OF MINUTES

Florrie Kerley
Emilyn Wagner
Lucy Echerd, Chair

TRUSTEES

Gene Foy
Billy Millsaps
Ron Honeycutt, Chair

CHURCH

Stony Point
Linney's Grove
Antioch

TERM EXPIRES

1999
2000
2001

PERSONNEL

Joe McDuffie, Chair
Tony Fox
Ken Walters
Aaron Spry
Mike Runion
Moderator

Little River
Macedonia
Stony Point
Hiddenite
Three Forks

1999
2000
2000
2001
2001

CREDENTIALS

Tom Seamone
Terry Ashe, Chair
Kenneth Kerley

Millersville
Hiddenite
Mt. Herman

1999
2000
2001

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bucky Foster, Chair
Edsel Mitchell
Dale Robertson

First Baptist
Little River
Antioch

2001
2000
1999

VOLUNTEER SELECTION

Van Tarlton
Diane Fox

East Taylorsville
Millersville

2000
2000

	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Cathy Hartness	Stony Point	2001
Blayne Hollar	Antioch	2001
Moderator		
 <u>DEACON CONSULTANT</u>	 Blayne Hollar-Antioch	 1999
 <u>BUDGET/FINANCE</u> (Missions Funding Development)		
Kip Mace	Three Forks	1999
Mark Tilley	Bethlehem	1999
Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2000
Mack Treadway	First Baptist	2001
Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	1998
Vice Moderator		
Moderator, Chair		
 <u>ANNUAL & SPRING SESSION PLANNING</u>		
Joe McDuffie	Little River	1999
Keith Childers	Lebanon	1999
Rose Kerley	Mt. Herman	2000
Lucy Echerd	First Baptist	2000
Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	2001
Host Pastors (ex officio)		
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		
 <u>PLACE & PREACHER - 1998</u>		
Bill Orren	Millersville	1999
Jeff Chapman	Little River	1999
Ken Walters, Chair	Stony Point	1999
 <u>ORDINATION EXAMINING</u>		
Terry Ashe, Chair	Hiddenite	1999
Mark Tilley	Bethlehem	1999
Phil Jolly	Little River	2000
Ed Nichols	Pilgrim	2000
 <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>		
William Wease, Chair	Linney's Grove	1999
Betty Lovette	Mt. Herman	2000
Shirley Lail	Antioch	2001
 <u>VAN TRANSPORTATION</u>		
Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	1999
Billy Pennell	Stony Point	1999

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

General Board, NCBSC.....Kenneth Walters.....1997-2000
(Nominated and elected by NC Baptist State Convention)

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon
William Wease	Linney's Grove
Dale Costner	Pleasant Hill
Ruelene Deal	Millersville
Tony Fox	Macedonia
Sandra Lowrance	Little River

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Dr. Richard Jordan	Antioch
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HISPANIC MISSION COMMITTEE

Sammy Davis, Jr., Chair	First Baptist
Clifford Ferguson	Three Forks
Randy Frantz	East Taylorsville
Jeff Chapman	Little River
Mrs. Roberta Goble	Mt. Herman
Moderator, ex officio	
CCM Director, ex officio	

SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR

Luci Patterson	Pilgrim	1999
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COUNCILS

WMU

Pat Heinefield
Kim Ashley
Nancy Carrigan
Diane Fox
Jackie Brittain

OFFICE

WMU Director
Asst. WMU Director
Secretary
WOM Consultant
Asst. WOM Consultant
Acteen Consultant
Asst. Acteen Consultant
GA Consultant
Asst. GA Consultant

CHURCH

Bethlehem
Hiddenite
Tay. First
Millersville
Millersville
Millersville
Millersville
Millersville

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTeam (Association Consultant Team)	<u>Bible Teaching-Reaching(BTR)</u>	
Craig Hamlin	Dir. Gen. Consultant	E. Taylorsville
Janice Sharpe	Adult Consultant	Hiddenite
Shirley Lackey	Youth Consultant	Stony Point
Loretta Robinson	Children's Consultant	Pleasant Hill
Donna Millsaps	Preschool Consultant	Linney's Grove
Craig Hamlin	Outreach/Evang.Consult.	E. Taylorsville
Debra Harrington	VBS Director	Hiddenite

<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
Chip Holden	Director	E. Taylorsville
Shirley Lackey	Asst. Director	Stony Point
Amy Dagenhart	Asst. Director	Pleasant Hill

<u>EVANGELISM</u>		
Ken Walters	Director	Stony Point
Craig Hamlin	Asst. Director	E. Taylorsville

<u>BROTHERHOOD</u>		
Bob Brewington	Brotherhood Director	Mt. Herman
Noah Lail	Baptist Men's Director	Bethlehem
Mike Surratte	RA Director	Three Forks

<u>DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING</u>		
Cathy Hartness	Co-Supporter	Stony Point
Wanda Payne	Co-Supporter	Three Forks
Kathleen Teague	Bible Drill Leader	Antioch

<u>MEDIA LIBRARY</u>		
Ruth Etta White	Director	Three Forks

<u>YOUTH</u>	
	Director

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>		
Kenneth Kerley	Director	Mt. Herman

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chairman (DOM).....Mt. Herman.....Bill Goble
Moderator.....E.Taylorsville.....Gary Jennings
ACT (Assn.Consult.Team)E.Taylorsville.....Craig Hamlin
Discipleship Training..Stony Point.....Cathy Hartness
WMU Director.....Bethlehem.....Pat Heinefield
Brotherhood Director..Mt. Herman.....Bob Brewington
Music Director.....E. Taylorsville.....Chip Holden
Youth Director.....Bethlehem.....Ashley Evans
Evangelism Director...Stony Point.....Kenneth Walters
Christian Life Comm...Lebanon.....Keith Childers
Stewardship Director..Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley
Seminary Ext. Dir.....First Baptist.....David Giffin
Media Library Dir.....Three Forks.....Ruth Etta White
Missions Devlpmnt.Dir CCM Director.....Mary Ashe

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Director.....CCM Director..... Mary Ashe
Survey Dir. State Missions Representative.....Kenneth Walters
WMU Representative/NAMB Pat Heinefield
Promotional Dir/International Missions Board.....Diane Fox
Brotherhood Representative.....
Moderator.....ex officio.....

Respectfully submitted,

VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE 1997-1998

Cathy Hartness, Chair
Diane Fox
Van Tarlton
Blayne Hollar
Director of Missions - ex officio
Moderator - ex officio

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Missions Development Council has had a year of high activity. The two main activities of the council were the Toy Store and the Missions Blitz.

The Toy Store was an effort by the council to organize the efforts for helping families at Christmas. The Store was set up by volunteers from our churches with toys donated by the churches and the Salvation Army. The Department of Social Services and the Christian Crisis Center selected families. The store was open for three days and evenings for families to select the toys for their children. Families selected four toys, and received a set of towels and a \$20 gift certificate to Food Lion. Volunteers from the churches walked with families as they made their selections. The volunteer presented each family with a marked New Testament. The approximately 200 families that were served by the Toy Store were appreciative of the support. Families paid ten cents on the dollar for the items they selected, if they could afford to do so. The money that was gained from the event was used to purchase canned meats and peanut butter for the Christian Crisis Center.

The Missions Blitz involved approximately 125 people. The events included quilting, Backyard Bible Clubs, law enforcement appreciation, yardwork, housecleaning, caregiver appreciation, nursing home ministry, dental and medical screenings and awareness, home renovation projects, food collection at the grocery stores, working at the Christian Crisis Center, prison ministry, and other individually designed church projects. The community was impacted by the efforts of those on mission in Jesus' name.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ashe
Missions Development Director

MUSIC REPORT

As always, our yearly Children's Choir Camp was a good experience! This past year we met on the week of June 1-5 from 9-12 noon and worked on a musical called "Fun in the Son." It was based on the scriptures from Deuteronomy 10:12-13; "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" The spiritual impact that this musical had on the children was the revelation of Jesus Christ through "The Legend of the Sand Dollar." Parents made many remarks on how their kids look forward to this every year and to please continue it. Our dates for 1999 will be June 14-18.

For our Key Leadership Conference on August 27, Mr. Neal Eller of the Music and Worship Team from the Baptist State Convention, shared new ideas on how we can enhance our worship services through the use of music. He stressed that we as Ministers of Music have an awesome responsibility to lead our congregations to the throne of God. It was a delight to see that we had a total of eight from associational churches to attend this conference.

Several of our God-called music leaders expressed a need to learn how to read music. A copy of "The Bivocational Music Leader," by Danny R. Jones, was sent to each Choir Director, complements from the Alexander Baptist Association. This book is useful in learning the fundamentals of music for personal use, or to use as an aid to teach the choir.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Holden
MUSIC DIRECTOR



PASTORAL MINISTRIES REPORT

The position of the Pastoral Ministries Director is a new one to our Association. I had this role, however, for five years in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association (Hickory). Here is the official "job description":

The Pastoral Ministries Director's task is to assist the local church pastoral ministries team, both personally and professionally, by planning and/or conducting educational programs (workshops, retreats, projects and activities) for training in pastoral care, leadership and proclamation/worship skills. An attempt should be made to balance the workshops, etc., between the pastoral ministry team members' personal and professional lives. The director will inform pastoral ministry teams about these and other educational opportunities (such as those provided by denominational organizations) through the Alexander Baptist Association's newsletter and other appropriate avenues.

A survey has been distributed to the Alexander Baptist Association ministers, requesting their input. Based on these surveys, I will make plans for the 1998-1999 year.

Pastoral Ministries Director

Dr. Richard W. Jordan



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY REPORT

- APRIL 28TH - A Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally was held at Three Forks Baptist Church. An excellent meal was served. Attendance from churches totaled approximately 135. Guest speaker was David Moore, Sr. Adult Ministry Co-ordinator from BSCNC. Other special guest included B.A.L.L. (Be Active, Live Longer,) Club from Knightdale Baptist Church, Knightdale, N.C who shared some exciting experiences they have had in their Senior Adult Program. Music was presented by the Stony Point Senior Adult Choir, and David Moore entertained with his guitar.
- JUNE 26th - A meeting was held at the Associational Office for all Senior Adult Co-ordinators. The subject of the meeting was to get acquainted and sharing of the Senior Adult Programs in the various churches.
- AUGUST 27TH - The Church Leadership Conference at Antioch Baptist Church was held. The Senior Adult Ministry Class was well attended. The class was lead by Vivia Cline from Antioch, and the program included speakers from several churches who shared what was happening in the senior program in their church. A taped presentation on the history of "The Chrismon Tree" was presented by Luci Patterson, and a small Christmas tree was decorated and on display.

PLANS FOR YEAR 1998/99

- NOVEMBER 12th - The fall Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally is set for November 12th at Antioch Baptist Church. The program for the Luncheon/Rally will include Lebanon, Antioch, and Hiddenite Baptist Church. Each church will be responsible for performing a short "skit." We are looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting time of fellowship.

Other plans being discussed include a beach trip, two days, one night.

Plans are underway to start a chrismon class in several churches. This to be in effect no later than the first of the year in order for the churches to have a fully decorated tree for the holiday season in December 1999.

LUCI PATTERSON
Senior Adult Ministry Director
Alexander Baptist Association



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

On Thursday, April 9, 1998 the Alexander Associational Stewardship Conference was held at Harry Gant Steakhouse in Taylorsville. This conference was attended by a number of representatives from several of our churches. The meeting was led by Mr. Ken Batts from the Baptist State Convention.

On May 11 and 12, 1998 I had the opportunity to attend the Stewardship Seminar of the Key Leadership Conference held at Ridgecrest Conference Center. This training touched several areas of Stewardship.

On August 27, 1998 the Stewardship Council of the Association had a part in the Key Leadership Training held at Antioch Baptist Church. This training was led by Mr. Lewis Gentry and was well attended by representatives from eight of our churches.

As we look ahead we would appreciate hearing from you as to your concerns and needs in the areas of Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

The 1997-1998 Alexander Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Sunday School Report

I. The Year in Review

A. *The Sunday School*

This year proved to be a transitional year for the leadership of the Sunday School department. With a new director and new members of the ATeam (Association Consultant Team) in place, the primary goal was to communicate to all the churches the benefit of using Sunday School training at an associational level. Three major events took place this year in the life of our Bible Teaching Reaching Ministry that helped to inform churches of how they could improve their Sunday Schools.

We began by inviting all of the pastors to a free luncheon at the Hidden Crystal. The pastors in attendance received the Lifeway Christian Resources (Sunday School Board's) new manual, The Power to Change Lives: Building a Great Commission Sunday School. These manuals were given to us by our state convention free of charge. During the luncheon the pastors were taken through the book's exhaustive resources for helping any Sunday School succeed. Along with the training of the manual, they also were informed about FAITH: Evangelism through the Sunday School. The video presented helped to encourage them to make this ministry in evangelism a priority for their church.

The second event was the Key Leadership Conference at Antioch Baptist Church. Along with the other key leadership positions, the Sunday school directors, preschool teachers, children teachers, youth teachers, and adult teachers from all over the association were trained at the event. Each Sunday School director received their own copy of The Power to Change Lives manual.

The third part of the communication goal was accomplished through a personal contact (when possible) of each pastor informing them of the associations availability to their church for help in Sunday School and distributing the Sunday school manuals to every pastor who did not have one.

B. *The ATeam (Association Consultant Team)*

Another part of the Bible Teaching Reaching Ministry is the ATeam. Craig Hamlin serves as director, Donna Milsaps serves as Preschool Consultant, Loretta Robinson serves as Children Consultant, Shirley Lackey serves as Youth Consultant, and the Adult Consultant is still open. The team went to Ridgecrest in April for training by the state. It was a very informative two days. Since that training we have had two meetings but have not received any word from churches about consultations at this time.

II. The Plans for the Upcoming Year

A. *Sunday School*

For our churches to succeed it is going to take the power of God, committed people, and creative leadership. This next year, we plan on having clinics with other Sunday school leaders having them to talk together, sharing ideas, and praying together. Along with the Key Leadership Conference, we would like to have other training times that could be tailored specifically for our counties churches.

B. *The ATeam*

The ATeam is going to be available to every church throughout the year for consultations. We will be meeting throughout the year to discuss ways that our team can reach the churches to meet specific needs. It is going to be up to the churches in the association to call on the team to do these sessions. Training for the team will also be included this year at Ridgecrest. It looks to be an exciting year like no other.

Report Submitted by: Craig Hamlin, Director of Sunday School for ABA

Associational WMU Report
1997-98

"Come, go with me! " This was the theme for the year. The year began with a good leadership training time, which was held at East Taylorsville , September 11. Churches prayed for and supported the North Carolina State Offering during the month of September. There were prayers and offerings for World Hunger Day in October.

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Monday November 3. There were other seasons of prayer and offerings that were observed in our Churches: Baptist Children's Homes and Thanksgiving Offering in November. Week of Prayer for International Missions, Mission studies and Lottie Moon Christmas offering in November and December. Week of Prayer for North American Missions , Mission studies and Annie Armstrong offering in February and March. Other seasons of prayer and offerings were for older adults & NC Baptist Hospital. G.A.'s had emphasis on Christmas in August by collecting items to be sent to home missionaries.

We had several exciting special events. January 17 th "Continuing Christmas Cheer" was held at Three Forks Life Center. A hands on missions, craft event. Crafts were made and then taken to our local agencies; Hospice, Nursing Homes, Foster Care, as well as other agencies. A catered luncheon was served and enjoyed by all.

February 7 was a real treat as Barbara Joiner was our guest at Millersville Church. She shared some of her experiences as a missionary. Also she had some of her books which were made available for us to purchase if we wished to do so. A covered dish luncheon was also enjoyed by the ladies.

Focus on WMU was celebrated during February. The Valentine Banquet was held on February 17, at Bethlehem Baptist Church. This banquet is sponsored by WMU each year to show our appreciation to our Pastors and Church staff members and their spouses.

The WMU Spring meeting was held at Stony Point Baptist Church May 4, a covered dish supper and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Dr. Ken Walters installed the new WMU leadership team for the coming year. Patricia Frazier was our special guest for the evening. She shared "Judessa" with us. She shared the importance of Missions and the impact that our G.A. leaders have on our young girls. We were truly blessed with singing by the black choir from Smith Grove Church, as we celebrated Cultural Diversity.

Money was collected in July for school supplies for the Christian Crisis center for the children of families who needed help in preparing for the school year. Money was also collected from all the WMU organizations and was sent to the Raleigh Correctional Center in November, for Christmas gifts for the women inmates.

We had a busy and blessed year in WMU. We look forward to another exciting year as we serve the Lord through missions.

His Joyful Servant,

Pat Heinefield
WMU Director 1997-98

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD FACTS AND FIGURES

We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

In the September, 1997 meeting with IMB trustees, Avery Willis, the board's senior vice president for overseas operations, described the following as "historic." He said it marked the beginning of a major new advance in Southern Baptist international missions.

The International Mission Board is changing from focusing on 194 countries to targeting 12,862 people groups in the world. "Countries" describes geopolitical entities; "people groups" describes clusters of people bound together by language, culture and socioeconomic ties. One country can contain hundreds of people groups. The board's shift in focus from countries to people groups helps it more effectively reach previously unevangelized people groups.

An immediate strategy will be targeting the 187 megapeople (a people group of more than 1 million population in a country). The IMB expects to have its personnel targeting all 187 groups before the end of 1998.

The following annual growth levels reflect the combined reports from all international mission points as of the end of 1996 unless otherwise specified:

† Total number of missionaries under appointment	(9/97)	4,232
† Total number of short-term volunteers	(9/97)	13,885
† Total number of newly appointed missionaries	(9/97)	210
† A record number of newly constituted churches	(1996)	2,367
† Number of countries where missionaries reside (assisting in 25 others)	(4/97)	127
† Total number of baptisms overseas	(1996)	283,674
† Total number of overseas churches	(1996)	39,876
† Number of new people groups touched by the gospel	(1996)	58
† Total people groups served	(4/97)	336
† Baptisms among least-reached peoples	(1996)	6,329
† Record amount of Lottie Moon Offering	(1996)	\$ 93,089,179
† Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal	(1997)	\$100,000,000
† Human needs receipts	(9/97)	\$3,268,754

Thank you Southern Baptists for being obedient to God's call: "Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples" Psalms 96:2-3

Compiled by: Bill Morgan, International Mission Board, P. O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-0767
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Council on Christian Higher Education

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

1998

Chowan College

1848

Campbell University

1887

Gardner-Webb University

1905

Mars Hill College

1856

Meredith College

1891

Wake Forest University

1834

Wingate University

1896

The Council on Christian Higher Education was founded by the Convention in 1944. It was established to assist colleges and churches within the Convention. The Council does not exercise any authority over the Baptist colleges. The competent leadership of trustees, administrators, and faculty guide them as they fulfill their missions. It does, however, study and recommend to the General Board in matters related to Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention.

Four men have led the Council as its Executive Director. Claude Gaddy served as the Council's founding leader. Harold Cole served briefly. Ben Fisher succeeded him. T. Robert Mullinax joined the Council in 1971. Mullinax retired this year from the post he has faithfully guided for 27 years.

The Council and Executive Committee of the General Board invited Wayne D. Wike to become the Council's fifth leader. Wike comes to his post from the pastorate. He has served four North Carolina churches as pastor.

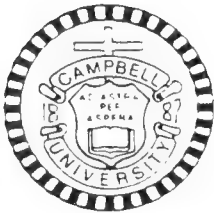
He and his wife, Debbie, are alumni of Gardner-Webb University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Wike has already served North Carolina Baptists in a number of ways. He served on the Committee on Committees, Chaired the Committee on Nominations, and Chaired the General Board Membership Study Committee.

Council members have greatly assisted each one of these leaders through the years. The college presidents, provosts, and chairmen of Boards of Trustees, along with an equal number of General Board members, serve as members of the Council.

The strength of the Council lies in its voluntary concept of community rather than competition. The Council has proven to be a mediating influence in relating the colleges to each other, to the church, and to the Convention.

The Council is currently involved in strategy planning. It is seeking to prepare for the new millennium. The future holds great promise. The Council and its member colleges want to be prepared for it. The Baptist churches in North Carolina will benefit as a result.



Campbell University

Norman A. Wiggins, President

- Opened January 5, 1887 as Buies Creek Academy
 - Became Campbell University on June 6, 1979. School of Pharmacy and School of Education founded in 1985. School of Divinity founded in 1995.
- Campus Representative: Jerry Wood (910-893-1219)



Chowan College

Stanley G. Lott, President

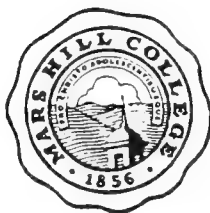
- Founded and opened for students as Chowan Female Institute, October 11, 1848.
 - Became Chowan College on May 17, 1910.
- Campus Representative: Hargus Taylor (252-398-6321)



Gardner-Webb University

M. Christopher White, President

- First chartered as Boiling Springs High School, December 2, 1905.
 - Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993, and opened the School of Divinity, Fall 1993.
- Campus Representative: Bruce Rabon (704-434-4256)



Mars Hill College

A. Max Lennon, President

- First commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856.
 - Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.
 - Began a senior college program in 1962.
- Campus Representative: Paula Clayton Dempsey (704-689-1128)



Meredith College

John E. Weems, President

- Incorporated as Baptist Female University of NC, February 27, 1891
 - Became Meredith College by legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.
- Campus Representative: Sam Carothers (919-760-8346)



Wake Forest University

Thomas K. Hearn, President

- Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.
 - Became Wake Forest University, June 12, 1967.
- Campus Representative: Lynn Parker (336-758-5225)



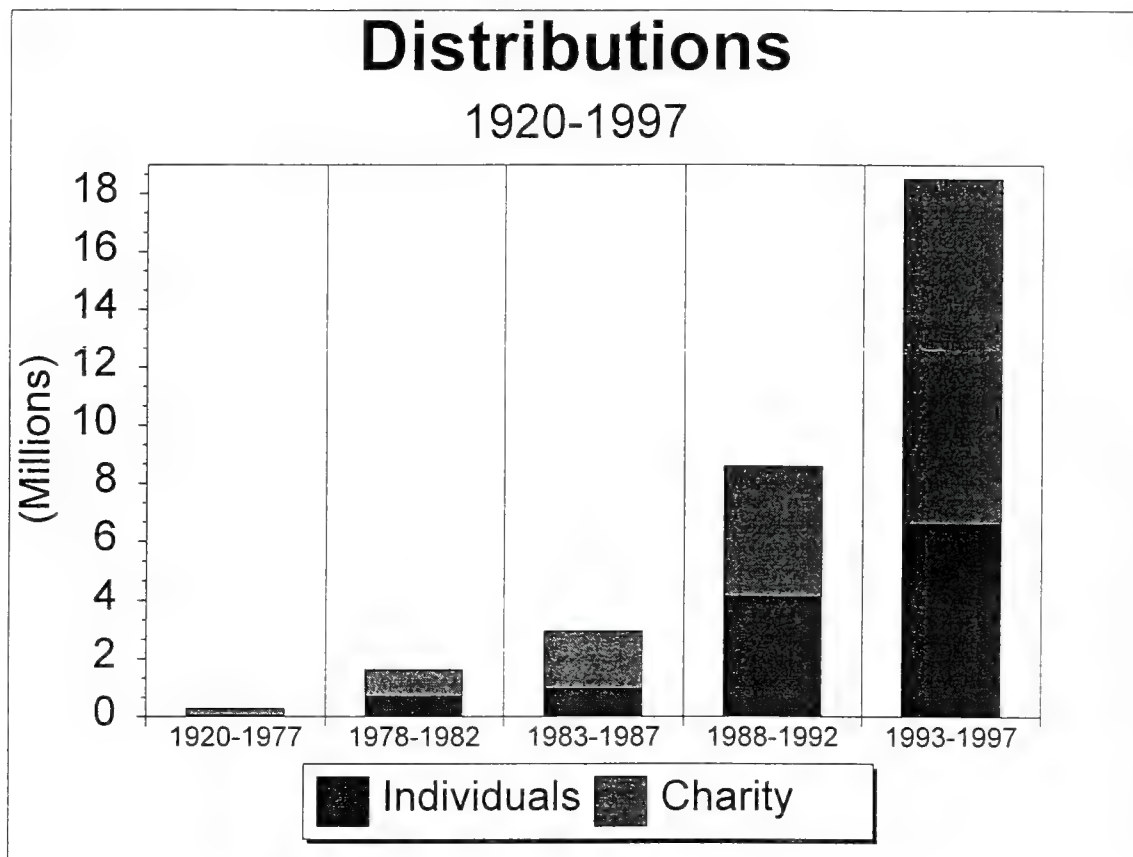
Wingate University

Jerry E. McGee, President

- Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Association, 1895. Opened 1896; chartered 1897.
 - Became Wingate University in 1995.
- Campus Representative: Bill Nash (704-233-8241)

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT



The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1997, the Foundation held \$72,432,412 under management. In 1997, \$3,473,850 was distributed to Baptist work and \$1,542,473 was distributed to individuals for a total distribution of \$5,016,323.

The income distributions for the entire 78-year history of the N. C. Baptist Foundation totals: \$12,475,237 income paid to individuals and \$19,533,109 to Baptist churches, institutions, and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$32,008,346.

C. Addison Trice, Jr., Chairman of the Board
Dr. M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Report to the Associations



HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

In May 1998 the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated celebrated 75 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention when the hospital was birthed: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund

Baptist Churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1997 the MDO amounted to \$500,747. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over \$200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

Division of Pastoral Care

During the year the chaplains and staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Memorial Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 64 students during the year and made more than 53,000 ministry contacts.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership development. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Turning Point, Interim Ministry Training, Intentional Interim Ministry training.

Facts about Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

- With more than 10,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city.
- The Medical Center successfully proposed to Forsyth County Commissioners to purchase the county's indigent health care clinic, Reynolds Health Center. The Center also serves as a primary care training facility for our medical students and residents. Construction is expected to begin in the spring on a \$5 million, state-of-the-art facility.
- Building strong relationships with community hospitals and other academic medical centers was a hallmark of the past year. Hospital and clinical affiliations grew to 22 by December '97.

Points of Emphasis and Progress

ALS CENTER - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center has opened a specialized center to provide coordinated care for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Medical Center's ALS program is the only center in western North Carolina devoted to ALS patients.

TRAUMA CENTER - The Medical Center has the designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

TOPS IN RESEARCH - According to a report in the February 1997 issue of *Applied Clinical Trials*, Wake Forest University School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S BEST - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is among the nation's best hospitals in nine of 17 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1998 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

NEW HEART VALVE - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center is one of the first centers in the country to offer a new "natural" valve replacement to patients with diseased or damaged aortic heart valves. The Freestyle valve was tested extensively in six centers — including Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center - before being released for general use.

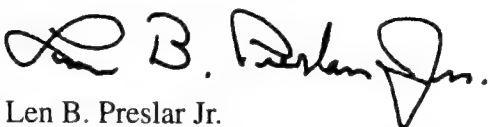
NEWEST TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy — a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS - For more information, contact one of our operators at (336) 716-2011. To make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL® at 1 (800) 446-2255.

A CLOSING WORD

Seventy-five years ago the North Carolina Baptist State Convention gave us a directive to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. For three-quarters of a century, we have sought to carry out this ministry of healing with compassion and integrity. Those who come here for care expect outcomes unachievable elsewhere. We must constantly rise to meet and exceed this expectation. Every patient and family member has a right to expect from us excellence in health care, delivered with compassion.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar Jr.
President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

Sybil Stewart, *Trustee Chair*
Michael C. Blackwell, *President*

Her voice steady and quiet, Christy delivers her personal story like a letter dropped into an anonymous mailbox at a shuttered house on a nameless street.

Her grandparents' murder had unleashed memories of her own abuse. Family members encouraged her to leave her home and repeatedly told her she was worthless.

"I've had a rough life," she says. "I've been through about anything I can possibly go through."

Christy admits carrying a short fuse and outbursts, physical abuse and a dangerous living situation brought her to Mills Home in November 1997.

She continues her quiet story about coming to Mills Home, about doing well in school, and tutoring two residents in Alumni Cottage. She's glad she can help, because "learning comes easy to me, and I want to help someone if I can."

Julie, her first child care worker at Mills Home, became a real friend who "helped me turn my life around," Christy says, her face at last beginning to brighten. "She was there for me when I needed somebody. My parents weren't there. Nobody wanted me. It was fun being around Julie. She showed me she cared about me and that I could be loved."

She Didn't Plan to See 16

Julie couldn't realize how important her friendship was, or how close Christy came to giving up. Christy admits to two suicide attempts, and believed she would never see age 16.

"I used to dread getting up," she said. "I didn't know if I would get my mouth busted or my arm broke."

Even now, there are days Christy doesn't want to get out of bed. But she does, and she goes to school and earns mostly "A"s and stars on the varsity basketball team, and tutors other residents in math, and went to New York for a summer basketball tournament and is planning to attend college to study a helping profession.

Now she is planning to live, not planning to die. BCH is giving her opportunities to live for.

Christy's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at BCH. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope.

At four residential campuses, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,560 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received \$1.6 million through the Cooperative Program, and \$752,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of \$3.3 million comprised 18 percent of the nearly \$18 million in revenue. Because of a positive investment environment, BCH investments of endowment funds provided 33 percent of revenue.

Buildings Dedicated

Two major priorities of the \$10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign were dedicated: The Winifred Lindsay Education/ Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke on Jan. 20, and the John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home on May 12.

U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre, co-chair of the Congressional Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood, spoke at the dedication of the Lindsay Center. He said BCH has the "purpose, people and passion" to successfully help children and families turn their lives around."

"When we reach out to our children we're making the best investment for tomorrow we could ever make for our country," he said.

Winifred Lee Herbert Lindsay, for whom the Lindsay Center is named, died Nov. 21, 1997.

Primary funds for building Johnson Cottage were given by Phil and Sharon Drake, of Franklin, in memory of Sharon's father and in honor of her mother, a BCH trustee.

"God has given me more than I deserve," Drake said in a brief, emotional address at the dedication. He said giving money to build the cottage was the "easy part" compared to the cottage worker's task of making a difference in children's lives.

Michael C. Blackwell celebrated his 15th anniversary as president of BCH on July 1, 1998.

The video, "A Long Walk Home" is available to promote the 1998 Thanksgiving Offering, which has a statewide goal of \$800,000, the largest ever.

Wherever children are hurting and families are strained, BCH strives to heal. To secure a video, or a speaker for your church or civic group, or to access services, call (800) 476-3669.

Making Life for Older Adults...

The Best of Times

Treasures Old and New

In concluding a series of parables related to the wise use of God's gifts, Jesus ended with these words, *"Every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old," Matthew 13:52.*

During this past year God has enriched Baptist Retirement Homes with special treasures.

Treasures Old

THE TREASURE OF OUR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FAMILY - Our 500 residents plus all the staff who make up the Baptist Retirement Homes part of the family, say, "Thank You", to the rest of our North Carolina Baptist family.

Thank you for giving so generously through the Cooperative Program and through the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults enabling Baptist Retirement Homes to lead the way for the state of North Carolina in providing benevolent care for Older Adults. Every dollar that comes through these channels is designated to provide care for the "poor elderly."

THE TREASURE OF OUR BAPTIST VOLUNTEERS - These volunteers range from a W.M.U. group that provides regular monthly programs plus special activities such as ice-cream socials at The Taylor House in Albemarle, to a friend who spends hours each week giving manicures at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, to a B.S.U. group that provides a weekly program at the Prince Nursing Care Center at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem, to a preschool day care class that comes twice a month to visit their "grandfriends" at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

Treasures New

TAYLOR GLEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN CONCORD - For more than a decade Baptist Retirement Homes has been dreaming with North Carolina Baptists of the Cabarrus / Mecklenburg / Rowan / Stanly area about providing quality residential and health care living opportunities and services to Older Adults. Because of the encouragement given by Baptists of the area, and as a result of the philanthropy of Cabarrus County natives, Carrol and Geneva Taylor, this dream will soon be a reality.

FIVE NEW TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS AT BROOKRIDGE - These apartments are nearing completion as an addition to the Main Building at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem. Bringing the total number of independent living apartments to 146.

RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR MEMORY IMPAIRED - Special units for those Older Adults dealing with dementia related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease, will be developed at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville and the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem. In Asheville the unit will be created via a significant renovation within the current home. In Winston Salem new construction will be required.

This report is sent with heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, your deeds of kindness and your gifts enabling us to make life for North Carolina Baptist Older Adults... ***The Best of Times!***

*William B. Stillerman
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.*

Today there are over thirty million people aged sixty-five and above in the United States, representing almost twelve percent of our population. Every fifteen seconds another person reaches age sixty-five. Researchers predict that by 2020, one out of every five Americans will be active retirees.

This is good news and bad news in relation to our aging population.

The good news is that more and more of our people are experiencing added years of productive and pleasurable living. The bad news is that an ever increasing number of older people are faced with extended months and even years of debilitating ill health. Even as the old are becoming older, the aging sick tend to be sicker.

An added concern is the ever-increasing number of Older Adults, including many of our retired ministers, who are struggling under financial hardships. Many thought they had planned well for the retirement years, but the financial requirements of the 1990s were almost unimaginable in the 1950s. Furthermore, the expectation was that there would be some ten years of life in retirement rather than the twenty-plus years that are coming to be the norm.

Through the ministers of the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, The Taylor House in Albemarle, and the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, Baptist Retirement Homes continues to operate at the forefront in meeting the needs of Older Adults.

This year, we look forward to the start of construction on a major new facility . . . The Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord, serving the Cabarrus/Mecklenburg/Stanly County areas. Included in the plans are 174 independent living apartment homes, 24 assisted living apartments, 24 nursing care beds and a 12 bed memory impaired unit.

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to be grateful for the exceptional quantity of benevolent care it is able to provide. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit church-related long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission.

Baptist churches and Baptist people make all of this possible through contributions received through the Baptist State Convention (Cooperative Program) and the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults. In 1998, North Carolina Baptists made it possible for the "Homes" to provide \$1.7 million in benevolent care. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for helping us make life for aging saints . . . **THE BEST OF TIMES!**

DONALD A. DONADIO, chair, Board of Trustees
WILLIAM B. STILLERMAN, president

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
1998

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

A. Christian Values

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Third Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held March 15-22. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. CAL sponsored a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.
- Continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 12,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.
- Held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on June 23. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.

B. Gambling

Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. CAL monitors these efforts and updates the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have continued to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

CAL also monitored the work of the Legislative Study Committee on Bingo Regulations.

C. Sex Education

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

D. Abortion

CAL promoted HB 303 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 536 (Woman's Right to Know before Abortion) and HB 594 (Fetus Death from Criminal Act). We also encouraged lawmakers to maintain funding reductions and restrictions on the state abortion fund. These actions have resulted in only two qualifying abortions being paid with taxpayer funds in the last two years.

E. Alcohol

CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities in organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Worked to defeat legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

CAL will host a national conference in September of the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

F. Pornography

Promoted and saw ratified SB 452-Local Regulation of Adult Establishments. This legislation gives more authority to local communities to regulate and control adult entertainment establishments.

G. Homosexuality

CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. Successfully lobbied against legislation that would have made homosexuality legal in North Carolina. Offered the video "On Wings Like Eagles", the testimony of deliverance from homosexuality by Michael Johnston of Kerruso Ministries.

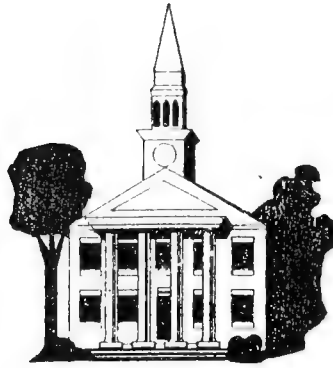


Reverend Johnny R. Henderson
Executive Director

For A Better North Carolina,



Joe S. Lennon
President



CHURCH GROWTH MULTIPLIER REPORT 1998

Thank God for the privilege of serving as your Church Growth Consultant Team in Western, North Carolina. We're a special worker team on behalf of the NC Baptist State Convention.

We have seen some wonderful things happen in churches where we have been. God is really blessing.

If we can be of help to any association or church in the areas of Sunday School, WMU, or Discipleship Training, please feel free to call on us.

We are committed to helping churches to grow numerically and spiritually. God wants us to grow.

**Respectfully submitted,
Your Western NC Team**

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NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, SBC
NAMB

1998 Annual Report

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Its purpose is to cooperate with SBC churches, associations and state Baptist conventions to reach the United States and Canada for Jesus Christ. NAMB was created as part of the SBC restructuring on June 19, 1997 by combining the resources and ministries of three former agencies – the Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood Commission and the Radio and Television Commission. The new agency retains many of the assignments of its predecessors, but is intended to be more effective and efficient in assisting Southern Baptists in reaching North America for Christ.

Supporting Missionaries in North America

Nearly 5,000 North American missions personnel serve in the U.S., its territories and Canada. Their work is supported by more than 2,500 SBC-endorsed chaplains and 100,000 adult and student volunteers who make significant contributions in starting churches, evangelism and disaster relief. NAMB also produces mission education resources which help Southern Baptists learn about, support and be on-mission with their missionaries.

More than one-third of NAMB's financial support comes from the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions (AAEO) and 100% of the offering goes to support missionaries on the field. The 1997 offering was the largest ever received at more than \$41 million. The 1998 total is sure to exceed the goal of \$42 million so the 1999 goal has been raised to \$45 million with a challenge goal of \$50.

Also, crucial to NAMB's work is the \$34 million that comes from the SBC Cooperative Program which also funds six SBC seminaries, 4,000+ international missionaries, and other national agencies.

Two Major Thrusts: Evangelism and Church Planting

Last year, Southern Baptists baptized over 412,000 people, nearly 9% more than the previous year. However, an estimated 200 million people in the U.S. and Canada still do not know Jesus Christ as Savior. The agency provides assistance to churches, associations and state conventions in soul-winning training, interfaith witness, church and community ministry, including alternatives to abortion ministries, and special evangelistic events.

Southern Baptists have started nearly 1,500 new churches every year for several years, and did so again last year. That's more than any other faith group, yet we are still not even keeping pace with population growth. NAMB provides resources and strategies for establishing churches and missions among all ethnic and language groups in the United States and Canada.

"A democracy can only survive and flourish as a nation of readers," says Daniel J. Boorstin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and former Librarian of Congress.

He is correct! Thomas Jefferson said the purest form of democracy he had ever seen was Baptist churches. We Baptists cherish our soul-liberty, and its corporate corollary--the autonomy of the local church.

But Baptists will never preserve their democratic form of decision-making if they are not properly informed. A democracy demands an informed constituency, whether they like the news or not!

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 165 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

Because people are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals, the Recorder has kept pace with the state-of-the-art in print media, and entered the world of electronic communications with an attractive and effective Web site. The Web site address is: <http://www.biblicalrecorder.org>.

The Recorder Web site was officially launched in September 1997. The number of persons using the Web site has grown substantially. Each month there are 15-18,000 hits from around the world, literally--from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Pacific Rim, even Australia! In the United States, people from several states regularly use the Recorder as their source of dependable Baptist information.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E V Bumgarner	A E Watts	R B McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H L Good	E C Shoe	W C Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E C Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus Three Forks	E C Shoe	A C Payne	Homer L. Good
1947	East Taylorsville Taylor Springs	A E Watts	A C Payne	H L Good
1948	Poplar Springs Bethel	A B Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W W Hamngton
1949	Antioch Hiddenite	W O Johnson	E V Bumgarner	W W Harrington
1950	Liledoun Mt. Herman	J A Icenhour	A B Bumgarner	J L Wells
1951	Stony Point East Taylorsville	J L Wells	H L Good	J L Wells
1952	First Taylorsville Smyrna	J R Lail	H L Good	J L Wells
1953	Pleasant Hill Bethlehem	David C. Boaz	J R Lail	Marcella Hines
1954	Pilgrim Little River	Herman Johnson	J R Lail	Marcella Hines
1955	Linney's Grove Hiddenite	R L Dixon	J R Lail	Marcella Hines
1956	Liledoun Lebanon	H L Good	A E Watts	W O Warren
1957	Macedonia First Taylorsville	W O Warren	A E Watts	W O Warren
1958	Antioch Mt. Herman	Horace Moree	R M Grant	W O Warren
1959	Beulah Stony Point	I V Couch	R M Grant	W O Warren
1960	Poplar Springs East Taylorsville	H M Carter	R M Grant	W O Warren
1961	Liledoun Little River	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W O Warren
1962	Pleasant Hill Hiddenite	Henkle Little	R L Dixon	W O Warren
1963	Bethlehem Antioch	Robert Winecoff	R L Dixon	W O Warren
1964	Smyrna Millersville	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W O Warren
1965	Macedonia East Taylorsville	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W O Warren
1966	Stony Point Mt. Herman	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W O Warren
1967	Calvary Liledoun	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W O Warren
1968	First Church Mount Olive	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W O Warren
1969	Antioch Lebanon	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W O Warren
1970	Poplar Springs Hiddenite	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
1971	Bethlehem Mountain Ridge	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
1972	Oxford Memorial Pleasant Hill	Horace Moree	A D Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
1973	Little River Linney's Grove	Marshall Sargent	A D Lindsey	Florrie Kerley

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim	Grady Kerley	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville			
1976	Mt. Herman	Ray Shumate	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks			
1977	East Taylorsville	Kenneth Lambert	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch			
1978	Hiddenite	Richard Hicks	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville			
1979	Macedonia	D.L. Bumgarner	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon			
1980	Grace	Dennis Spivey	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Beulah			
1981	Poplar Springs	Leroy Clack	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill			
1982	Oxford Memorial	Gary Jennings	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Mt. Olive			
1983	Millersville	Robert Boggs	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Little River			
1984	Antioch	Cecil Lovelace	James Pierce	Eline Lackey
	Three Forks			
1985	Bethlehem	James Pierce	James Pierce	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove			
1986	Smyrna	Ken Walters	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman			
	Stony Point			
1987	Macedonia	Keith Childers	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville			
	Oxford Memorial			
1988	Poplar Springs	Dwight Austin	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite			
	Grace			
1989	Millersville	Michael Blevins	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Mountain Ridge			
1990	Three Forks	Terry Ashe	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist			
	Mt. Olive			
1991	Lebanon	C. David Boan	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch			
	Pilgrim			
	Antioch			
1992	Little River	David Horton	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove			
	Bethlehem			
1993	Mt. Herman	Larry Blakley	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point			
	Smyrna			
1994	Grace	Michael Blevins	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia			
	East Taylorsville			
1995	Hiddenite	Larry Allen	Joe McDuffie	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Millersville			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah

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MEMBER/CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION										YEAR ENDING 1998																										
Association										Alexander		(Month & Day)																								
State										North Carolina		August 31																								
Director of Association Missions										William O. Coble, Jr.																										
Address										City		State																								
P O Box 875										Taylorville		NC 28681																								
CHURCHES										PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)		County																								
Antioch										Dr. Richard W. Jordan	Alexander	620	545	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	7	4	1826	1998	A	1	250	0	0	Y	Y	N	N			
										524 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorville 28681																										
Bethlehem										Dr. Mark A. Tilley	Alexander	908	852	31	0	4	2	4	6	15	0	46	70	1871	1994	F	1	358	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N	
										165 Woodhollow Rd, Taylorville																										
Beulah										Rev. Chase White	Alexander	279	196	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1916	1996	D	1	67	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
										111 Marsh Rd, Taylorville																										
Galvary										Rev. Stephen Ray Dagenhart	Alexander	266	266	6	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	6	0	1948	1988	C	1	250	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
										191 Airport Road, Taylorville																										
East Taylorville										Rev. Gary W. Jennings	Alexander	1,359	1,229	16	0	5	1	3	5	1	1	16	7	1924	1971	C	1	432	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										P O Box 906, Taylorville																										
Grace												N O	R E P O R T																							
Hiddente										Dr. Terry Ashe	Alexander	287	183	9	0	2	4	2	0	1	0	5	0	1915	1986	C	1	124	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										P O Box 38, Hiddente 28636																										
Lebanon										Rev. Keith Childers	Alexander	197	149	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1884	1985	A	1	150	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										3663 Robinette Rd, Taylorville																										
Linney's Grove										Rev. William Wease	Alexander	205	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1895	1992	A	1	92	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	
										158 Jennings Rd, Statesville 28677																										
Little River										Rev. Jeff Chapman	Alexander	346	337	5	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	5	1792	1997	A	1	218	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										310 Old Landfill Rd, Taylorville																										
Macedonia										Rev. Thomas Lambert	Alexander	210	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1840	1985	A	1	79	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorville																										
Millersville										Rev. Bill Otten	Alexander	732	689	17	0	1	1	5	3	6	1	41	15	1923	1997	B	1	315	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										347 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorville																										
Mountain Ridge										None	Alexander	111	111	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1956		A	1	40	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	
										None																										
Mt. Herman										None	Alexander	257	119	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1912		A	1	140	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										None																										
Mt. Olive										Rev. Monty Marchis, 216 No. Lomile Oakley Rd., No. Wilkesboro 28659	Alexander	142	86	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1865	1997	A	1	50	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N	
										Rd., No. Wilkesboro 28659																										
Pilgrim										Rev. Jerry Gwaltney	Alexander	214	161	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	1837	1991	A	1	91	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
										630 Ramie Mitchell Rd, Hiddente 28636																										
Pleasant Hill										Rev. Darren Lambert	Alexander	307	257	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	0	1852	1997	A	1	131	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										67 Pleasant Hill Churd Rd, Taylorville																										
Smvtna										Rev. Michael Barber	Alexander	268	217	8	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	1923	1987	A	1	98	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N	
										6150 Church Rd, Taylorville																										
Stony Point										Dr. Kenneth Walters	Alexander	572	518	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1909	1984	C	1	238	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										P O Box 198, Stony Point 28678																										
Taylorville First										Rev. Roger D. Underwood	Alexander	593	379	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	15	0	1891	1998	C	1	194	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										P O Box 305, Taylorville																										
Three Forks										Rev. Mike Runton	Alexander	737	578	7	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	22	0	1857	1998	A	1	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
										28 Chapman Mill Rd, Taylorville																										
TOTALS												8,610	7,225	134	1	21	23	30	23	33	3	193	101			3608	0	0								
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS												8,563	7,365	170	0	21	27	42	37	38	5	194	99			3583	2	1								

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO				YEAR ENDING		1998	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18						
Association				Alexander		(Month & Day)																			
State				North Carolina		August 31																			
Associational Sunday School Director				Dr. Terry Ashe																					
Address		P O Box 38	City	State	NC	28636	Zip	TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT																	
CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)						Preschool Birth-5																	
Antioch		Mrs. Tanya Reid POBox 1688, Hickory 28603					357	41	54	39	18	25	80	98	2	0	193	11	87						
Bethlehem		Mr. Gary Pierce 75 Greenfield Ln., Taylorsville 28681					652	56	111	64	25	85	148	143	10	10	346	20	212						
Beulah		Mr. Tommy Watson POBox 814, Taylorsville					40	2	7	2	1	2	10	12	4	0	40	0	87						
Calvary		Mr. Stanley Carigan 786 County Home Rd, Taylorsville					214	30	38	21	7	20	49	49	0	0	193	10	164						
East Taylorsville		Mr. Matt Johnson POBox 264, Hiddenite 28636					719	95	97	79	45	100	110	157	6	30	420	10	80						
Grace		None																							
Hiddenite		Mr. Ray Warren 68 Waugh Lane, Hiddenite					151	15	29	19	4	22	36	24	2	0	94	0	113						
Lebanon		None					75	9	10	8	9	14	0	25	0	0	72	0	75						
Lidney's Grove		Mr. Ronald Gwaltney Rt 1 Box 85, Hiddenite					95	10	15	10	7	15	15	20	3	0	84	15	91						
Little River		Mr. Michael Rogers 21 Mount Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville					140	15	18	14	24	29	22	16	2	0	140	10	114						
Macedonia		Mr. Ronnie Reese 125 Reese Loop Rd, Taylorsville					96	15	12	15	5	10	10	25	4	0	55	0	110						
Millersville		Mr. Darrell Pierce 240 Earl Icenhour Ln, Taylorsville					290	50	34	33	10	60	50	53	0	0	204	23	254						
Mountain Ridge		None					30	4	4	3	2	11	6	0	0	0	25	0	0						
Mt. Herman		Mr. Gene Fray 3550 Church Rd, Taylorsville					140	16	12	15	5	17	15	55	5	0	104	0	75						
Mt. Olive		Mr. Alan Deal 227 Deal Orchard Rd, Taylorsville					45	0	9	4	0	6	13	13	0	0	29	0	62						
Pilgrim		Mr. Rick Milligan 355 Milligan Mountain Rd, Hiddenite					86	10	6	8	4	10	14	30	4	0	76	2	71						
Pleasant Hill		None					159	12	20	20	14	20	34	38	1	0	103	8	92						
Smyrna		Mr. Tim Chewing 6718 Hwy 16 S, Taylorsville					90	15	15	12	10	10	10	12	6	0	67	0	0						
Stony Point		Mr. Steve Cockrell POBox 294, Stony Point 28678					368	39	39	40	13	39	64	44	80	10	180	39	235						
Taylorsville First		Mr. Darwin L. Bell 120 3rd Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville					230	26	21	16	5	35	47	78	2	0	141	8	233						
Three Forks		Mr. Barry Pennell 414 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville					440	57	41	56	22	34	123	100	7	0	252	0	136						
TOTALS							4,417	517	592	478	230	564	856	993	137	50	2,818	156	2291						
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS							4,250	462	519	474	225	467	1176	821	71	35	2,856	115	2360						

15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT	Preschool Birth-5	Children 6-11	Youth 12-17	Adults 18-24	Adults 25-34	Adults 35-54	Adults 55-Up	Gen. Officers	Other Bible Study	SS Avg. Weekly Attend.	SS Not Cong. Members	Vacation Bible School

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MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING		1998	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Association		Alexander	(Month & Day)		August 31							
State		North Carolina										
Associational Music Director		Rev. Chip Holden										
Address		377 Heritage Circle	City	Taylorsville	State	NC	Zip	28681				
CHURCHES		MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)										
Antioch	Mrs. Sheila Austin	131 Ginger Creek Lane, Taylorsville 28681	110	20	21	17	40	12				
Bethlehem	Mr. Ron Vannoy	205 Valley Rd, Hickory 28601	140	10	30	15	45	40				
Beulah	None		23	2	3	0	18	0				
Calvary	Mr. Kurt Dyson	1643 St. Clair Rd, Taylorsville	184	17	32	25	63	47				
East Taylorsville	Rev. Chip Holden	P O Box 906, Taylorsville	147	0	44	26	60	17				
Grace												
Hiddenite	Mrs. Barbara B. Odom	404 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville	43	6	11	1	12	13				
Lebanon	Mr. Richard Bumgarner	215 Mc. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville	49	3	4	2	33	7				
Linney's Grove	Mr. Danny R. Millsaps	8114 Vashit Rd, Hiddenite 28636	25	0	2	5	18	0				
Little River	Mr. David Mecimore	58 Fairgrounds Rd, Taylorsville	143	14	20	34	50	25				
Macedonia	Mr. John Thomas	940 27th St NE #10, Hickory 28601	30	0	2	5	23	0				
Millersville	Mr. Tom Seamone	125 Winter Haven, Taylorsville	104	9	15	15	65	0				
Mountain Ridge	Rev. David Chapman	154 Lilledown Rd, Taylorsville	18	0	4	3	11	0				
Mt. Herman	Mr. Louis Robinson	533 18th St NW, Hickory 28601	82	0	12	0	60	10				
Mt. Olive	Mr. Steve Childers	7972 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls 28654	21	1	5	0	15	0				
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell	75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville	56	7	8	5	23	13				
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Amy Dagenhart	190 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville	46	0	6	4	36	0				
Smyrna	Mr. Barry Mullis	4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville	72	4	20	12	28	8				
Stony Point	Mrs. Shirley S. Lackey	259 Harrie Bridge Rd, Stony Point 28678	100	9	18	13	47	13				
Taylorsville First	Ms. Dianne Little	425 Jolly Cemetery Rd, Taylorsville	85	16	10	8	33	18				
Three Forks	Rev. Mike Runion	28 Chapman Mill Rd, Taylorsville	175	23	27	20	65	40				
TOTALS			1,653	141	294	210	745	263				
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS			1,554	145	276	207	722	206				

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT/EDUCATION (includes WMU & Brotherhood)				YEAR ENDING 1988 (Month & Day)		22	22a	22b	22c	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25		
Association	Alexander	August 31		MISSION PROJECTS PART.										WMU					BROTHERHOOD				
State	North Carolina																						
Associational WMU Director and Address Mrs. Pat Helnefield 168 Hillsdale Lane, Taylorsville 28681																							
Associational Brotherhood Director and Address Mr. Bob Brewington 445 Lynell Street NE, Taylorsville 28681																							
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE) BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT					TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT					
Antioch	Mrs. Vivian Cline 858 Antioch Rd, Taylorsville	Mr. Doug Teague 33 Buff Lane, Taylorsville	39	15	24	0	138	16	20	22	73	7	61	26	0	15	20	0	0	0			
Bethlehem	Mrs. Patricia Neff 168 Hillsdale Ln, Taylorsville	Mr. Bill Kelly, 375 36th Av NE, Hickory	310	75	180	55	110	15	25	35	25	10	103	53	0	50	0	0	0	0			
Beulah	Mrs. Alice White 111 March Rd, Taylorsville	None	1	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Calvary	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Bonita Povey 566 Coon Men Ln, Taylorsville	Mr. Vernon Charles, 993 Pinegrove Rd, Taylorsville	152	50	27	75	108	20	30	0	50	8	90	0	0	70	20	5					
Grace																							
Hiddenite	Mrs. Sandra May Love 6937 Old Wash Rd, Hiddenite	Mr. William C. Sharpe 103 Curtis Ln, Hiddenite	32	19	12	1	47	6	12	13	12	4	38	6	10	2	20	0					
Lebanon	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Linney's Grove	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Little River	Mrs. Sandra Love 7252 N. Hwy 16N, Moravian Falls	None	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Macedonia	Mrs. V. L. Reese 125 Reese Lane, Rd. Taylorsville	None	0	0	0	0	44	0	7	6	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Millersville	Mrs. Diane Fox 925 Bethlehem Rd, Taylorsville	Mr. Mark Perry, 772 Ben Thompson Ln, Taylorsville	50	50	0	0	99	23	20	0	52	4	45	20	0	25	0	0	0	0			
Mountain Ridge	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Mr. Herman	Mrs. Betty Love 6165 US Hwy 64/90W, Taylorsville	Mr. Kenneth Ketter 1330 Althea Springs Rd, Taylorsville	4	4	0	0	52	5	6	7	34	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	0			
Mr. Olive	Mrs. June Lynn Fortner 75 Moore St, Moravian Falls	Mr. Wade Fortner 75 Moore St, Moravian Falls	10	10	0	0	9	0	0	0	6	3	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0			
Pilgrim	Mrs. Pam Woodruff, 1111 McCurdy Rd, Hiddenite	None	0	0	0	0	19	2	3	0	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Lena Campbell, 315 Daniels Lumber Rd, Taylorsville	None	16	8	8	0	17	8	0	0	9	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0			
Smryna	Mrs. Clemmie Setzer 395 Old Landfill Rd, Taylorsville	None	0	0	0	0	15	6	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Stony Point	Mrs. Cathy Hartness, PO Box 495, Stony Point	Mr. Steve Cockrell, PO Box 294, Stony Point	18	18	0	0	67	7	12	0	40	8	29	7	0	22	0	0	0	0			
Taylorsville First	Mrs. Myrna Deal, PO Box 217, Taylorsville	Mr. Joe Ferguson, PO Box 505, Taylorsville	14	0	14	0	54	14	6	11	21	2	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Three Forks	Mrs. Judy Moore 560 Althea Springs Rd, Taylorsville	Mr. Linney Childers, 39 Candlewick Ct, Taylorsville	30	25	0	5	102	6	8	12	61	15	109	12	10	27	60	0	0	0			
TOTALS			676	275	265	136	906	128	155	108	444	71	522	136	20	238	128	6					
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS			746	336	400	10	809	130	181	85	309	104	419	92	43	218	66	0					

FINANCIAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING		1998	26	27	28	Add 26 - 28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Association				Alexander		(Month & Day) August 31													
State				North Carolina															
Associational Treasurer				Mrs. Bobbi Glass															
Address				City		State	Zip												
P O Box 875				Taylorville		NC	28681	Undesignated Gifts											
CHURCHES				TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
Antioch				Mr. Wayne Holland 235 John Cline Rd, Taylorville			250,653	34,019	1,268	285,940	21,791	6,129	1,636	5,630	8,962	2,301	3,124	2,123,103	0
Bethlehem				Mr. Zeb Bowman 3648 34th Ave Ct NE, Hickory			483,930	103,706	3,725	591,361	47,928	2,000	2,810	4,536	8,367	705	7,231	1,950,000	24,727
Beulah				Mrs. Alene Keller 414 East Main Ave, Taylorville			39,488	1,480	0	40,968	300	200	210	103	194	0	0	580,000	0
Calvary				Mr. Dwight Warren 161 Airport Rd, Taylorville			244,051	5,130	10,050	259,231	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,407	565,000	0
East Taylorville				Mrs. Christa Wake P O Box 906, Taylorville			480,734	48,382	991	530,107	13,525	5,919	5,426	5,243	12,035	14,191	26,107	1,768,959	0
Grace											1,966							481,600	
Hiddenite				Mrs. Martha P. Hines 182 Woodridge Rd, Taylorville			102,557	22,620	0	125,177	5,900	2,250	1,025	340	1,600	1,880	0	1,000,000	250,947
Lebanon				Mrs. Mary Watts 2558 Little River Rd, Taylorville			135,899	15,186	2,179	153,264	17,700	1,900	1,255	984	1,728	1,000	15,795	940,000	0
Linney's Grove				Mrs. Linda Hayes 984 Judd Smith Rd, Hiddenite NC			42,383	16,605	747	59,735	1,000	900	182	504	991	0	1,167	515,000	0
Little River				Mrs. Esther White 3790 Roblinette Rd, Taylorville			210,039	37,437	351	247,827	26,012	5,258	412	1,478	4,801	0	21,310	465,000	0
Macedonia				Mrs. Jelene Fox 6174 Hwy 16 S, Taylorville			71,000	9,500	0	80,500	2,418	1,200	168	531	2,100	0	0	1,500,000	0
Millersville				Mrs. Brenda Hartness 46 Hardrock Lane, Taylorville			291,200	24,913	0	316,113	27,450	1,900	1,100	3,105	4,933	1,500	4,750	1,700,000	312,207
Mountain Ridge				Mrs. Geraldine Hatton 1266 Mountain Ridge Church Rd, Taylorville			30,000	944	0	30,944	0	590	0	425	518	150	0	310,000	0
Mt. Herman				Miss Wanda Holiczlaw 519 Wilkesboro Rd, Taylorville			146,011	35,062	0	181,073	23,741	4,373	1,725	3,465	4,457	0	0	981,000	0
Mt. Olive				Mrs. Barbara Herman 1736 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorville			41,741	4,174	0	45,915	275	200	327	418	828	0	0	310,000	0
Pilgrim				Mrs. Bobbie Carrigan 8401 Cheatham Ford Rd, Hiddenite			58,440	26,390	0	84,830	0	1,212	0	0	1,920	650	1,120	700,000	0
Pleasant Hill				Mrs. Phyllis Teague 5097 NC Hwy 16 N, Taylorville			131,955	9,550	9,327	150,832	10,321	2,975	1,264	1,910	3,836	4,286	5,003	1,000,000	0
Smyrna				Mrs. Kathy Bowles 1494 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite			113,000	2,000	1,000	116,000	14,700	3,109	0	628	836	239	7,166	300,000	0
Stony Point				Mr. Tom McNeely 421 Lindsey Farm Rd, Stony Point			237,000	29,116	3,142	269,258	24,702	9,880	851	3,118	6,491	1,761	3,773	415,000	41,750
Taylorville First				Mr. Gerald Millsaps 309 Northwood Park, Taylorville			247,829	60,213	7,916	315,958	15,988	3,722	2,843	2,432	5,869	10,896	32,349	1,651,000	44,860
Three Forks				Mrs. Kay Wright 2972 NC Hwy 90 W, Taylorville			326,957	107,776	0	434,733	22,916	4,500	5,000	3,575	8,744	14,015	37,798	1,800,000	0
TOTALS							3,684,867	594,203	40,696	4,319,766	276,667	60,183	26,234	38,417	79,210	53,574	176,100	21,055,662	1,178,231
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS							3,282,648	512,748	529,641	4,035,047	267,464	54,841	22,858	36,184	83,137	74,755	148,027	19,923,662	955,935

DIGEST OF LETTERS
IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.

NAME OF CHURCH	County	1	3	4	15	16	18	Add 19 & 20	21	23	24	Add 26 - 28	Add 29 - 35	29	30	36	37
		Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Congregational Debt
Alexander																	
Antioch	Alexander	620	4	7	357	193	87	140	110	138	61	285,940	49,573	21,791	6,129	2,123,103	0
Beethlehem	Alexander	908	31	46	652	346	212	480	140	110	103	591,361	73,577	47,928	2,000	1,950,000	124,727
Beulah	Alexander	279	5	3	40	40	87	0	23	12	0	40,968	1,007	300	200	580,000	0
Calvary	Alexander	266	6	6	214	193	164	0	184	0	0	259,231	9,407	0	0	565,000	0
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1,359	16	16	719	420	80	353	147	108	90	530,107	82,446	13,525	5,919	1,768,959	0
Grace													1,966		1,966	481,607	
Hiddenite	Alexander	287	9	5	151	94	113	67	43	47	38	125,177	12,995	5,900	2,250	1,000,000	250,947
Lebanon	Alexander	197	2	4	75	72	75	0	49	0	0	153,264	40,362	17,700	1,900	940,000	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander	205	0	4	95	84	91	0	25	0	0	84,830	4,744	1,000	900	515,000	0
Little River	Alexander	346	5	2	140	140	114	56	143	13	0	247,827	59,263	26,012	5,258	465,000	0
Macedonia	Alexander	210	0	4	96	55	110	0	30	44	0	80,500	6,417	2,418	1,200	1,500,000	0
Millersville	Alexander	732	17	41	290	204	254	0	104	99	45	316,113	44,738	27,450	1,900	1,700,000	312,207
Mountain Ridge	Alexander	111	3	0	30	25	0	0	18	0	0	30,944	1,683	0	590	310,000	0
Mt. Herman	Alexander	257	1	1	140	104	75	0	82	52	15	181,073	37,761	23,741	4,373	981,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander	142	4	0	45	29	62	0	21	9	12	45,915	2,048	275	200	310,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander	214	3	3	86	76	71	0	56	19	0	84,830	4,902	0	1,212	700,000	0
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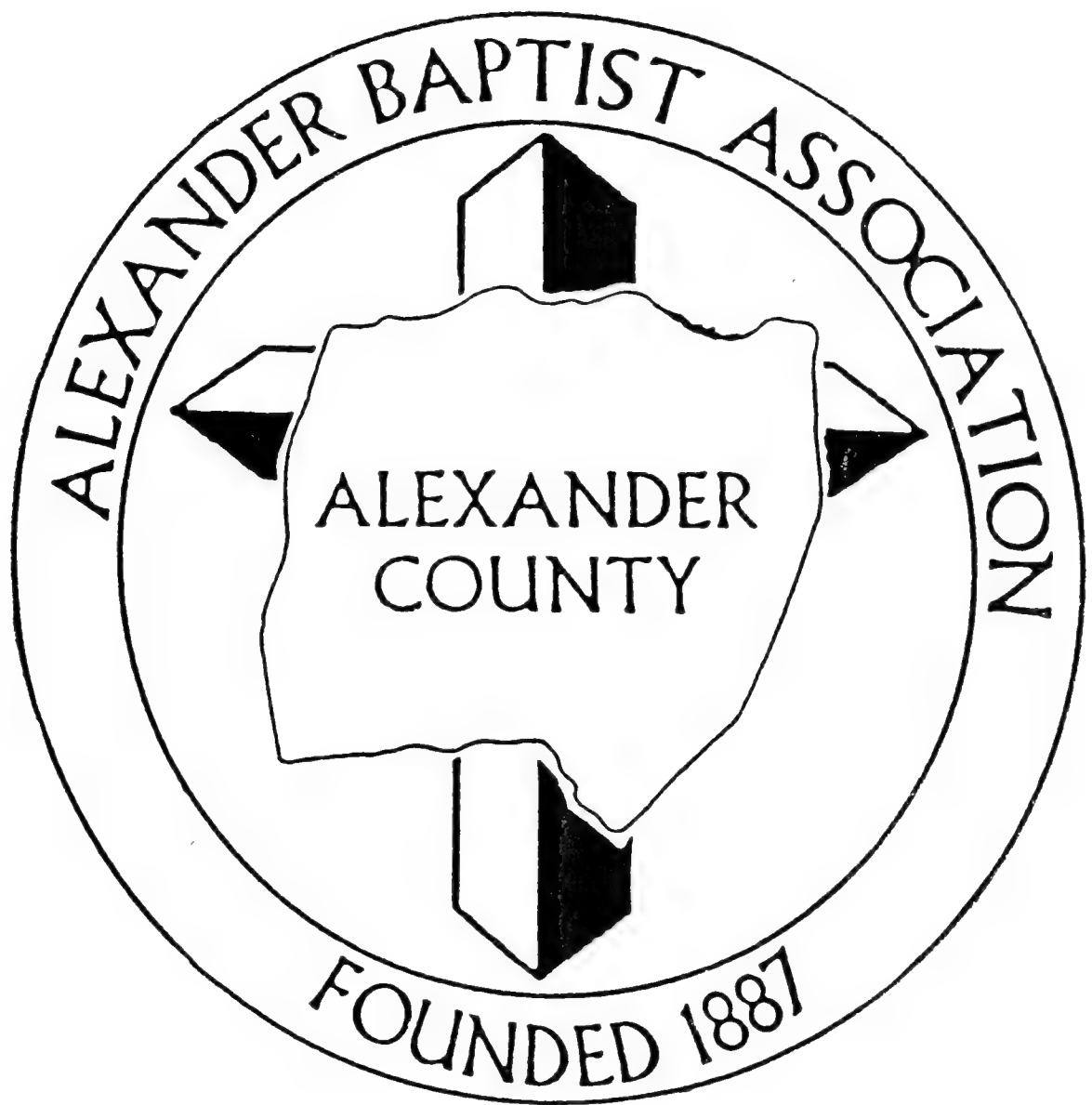
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9:00 AM
LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7:00 PM
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH



"A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER"

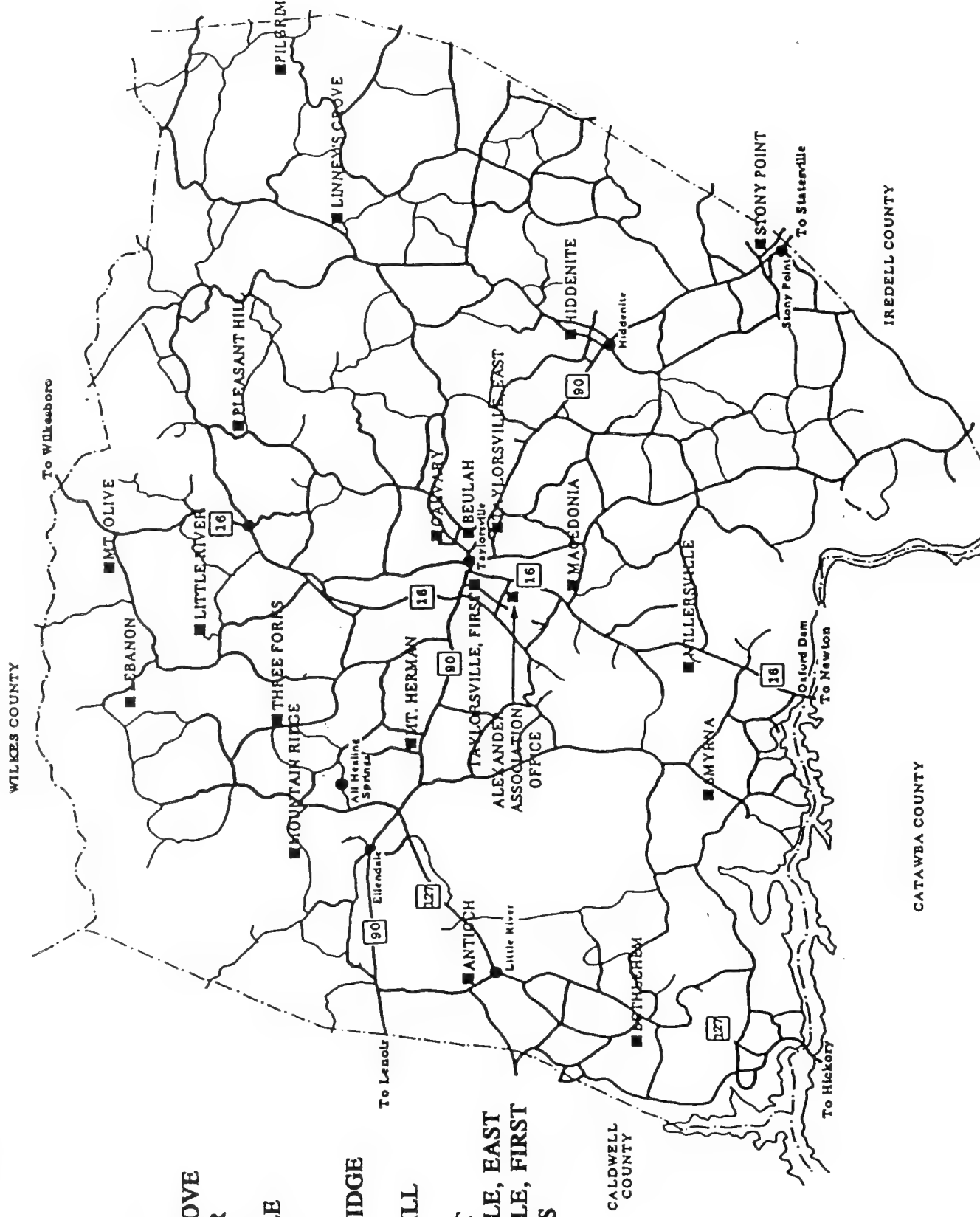
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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

ANTIOCH
 BETHLEHEM
 BEULAH
 CALVARY
 HIDDENITE
 LEBANON
 LINNEY'S GROVE
 LITTLE RIVER
 MACEDONIA
 MILLERSVILLE
 MT. HERMAN
 MT. OLIVE
 MOUNTAIN RIDGE
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 TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
 TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
 THREE FORKS



MINUTES
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ONE HUNDRED-TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
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ALEXANDER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TAYLORSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
1999



1999-2000 QUARTERLY SESSIONS

Winter - January 6, 2000 - Millersville Baptist Church
Spring - April 6, 2000 - Smyrna Baptist Church
Summer - July 13, 2000 - Hiddenite Baptist Church
Fall - October 5, 2000 - Mt. Herman Baptist Church

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DEDICATION OF 1998-99 ANNUAL

We, the Alexander Baptist Association, **DEDICATE THE MINUTES OF OUR 112th ANNUAL SESSION IN HONOR OF DR. TERRY ASHE AND MARY ASHE** a husband and wife team who has served the Hiddenite Baptist Church and the Alexander Baptist Association so ably and faithfully for over twelve years. The team is Dr. Terry Ashe who was pastor at Hiddenite Church for over 12 years, and Mary Ashe, his wife, who served during that time as Youth and Religious Education Director, and in other positions in the church.

Terry was born near Reidsville NC and grew up in Statesville and graduated from Statesville Senior High School. He was graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a B.A. in Political Science, received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Utah, and later on the Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Theological School at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

Terry and Mary Knight met at UNC-Greensboro. Mary is a native of Raleigh NC. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History at a Texas college and a two year degree in Religious Education from Southeastern Seminary. They have two children, Michelle who is married, and a son, Richard.

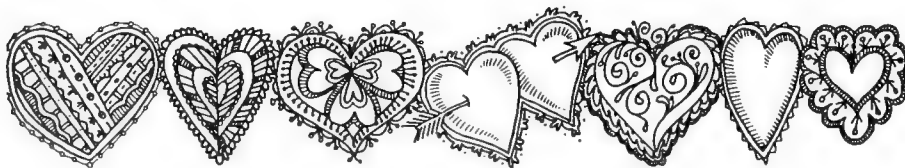
After a four year tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force in California and Texas, Terry worked for the 7-11 Stores holding positions of Store Manager, Auditor, Supervisor, Buyer/Merchandiser and District Manager. During this time Mary served in a number of secular jobs, as director and teacher in several day care centers and as a substitute teacher while maintaining the job as homemaker.

While in Wilmington NC, God intervened in Terry and Mary's cozy lives. Mary was called to full-time Christian service and she commuted to Southeastern Seminary. Later Terry heard God's call for the second time - he surrendered to God's call. He entered Southeastern as a full-time student with his wife. His salary went from \$50,000 to \$5,000. Terry was ordained at Knightdale Baptist Church, Knightdale, NC. He finished the three year course at Southeastern in two years with honors.

Terry and Mary were called to the Hiddenite Baptist Church in 1986. Both of them served the church and Alexander Baptist Association with distinction through 1998 - both of them holding various offices in the Association such as: Terry - Pastors' Conference President, Sunday School Director, etc. Mary - WMU, as well as our Church and Community Ministries Director and Director of Missions Development. Terry served on the Christian Crisis Center Board of Directors, President of the Alexander County Clergy Association, and was a member of the Alexander County School Board. Mary served approximately ten years as Head Start Director in Alexander County. Both Terry and Mary were very active in community affairs.

They currently reside in Raleigh where Terry is interim pastor of a small country church and is Volunteers Coordinator for a house building organization which builds houses for the poor, elderly and disabled.

We heartily dedicate the 1999 Annual to Dr. Terry Ashe and Mary Ashe.



In Memoriam

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Mr. Benton Davis
Mrs. Faye Hefner
Mrs. Lena Meadlock
Mr. James Presnell
Mrs. Earl Teague-Deacon
Mr. Marcus Whisnant

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Mrs. Gladys Icard
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BEULAH

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Mrs. Maude Hepler
Mrs. Vance Matlock
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LEBANON

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Teacher for Many Years

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Mrs. China Millsaps
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Mr. Bobby Tedder
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LITTLE RIVER

None

MACEDONIA

Mrs. Margaret Hanna
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Mr. Rowe Warren

MILLERSVILLE

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Mrs. Pearl Laws
Mrs. Lula Thomas Sweet

MT. HERMAN

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Mrs. Belle Teague

MT. OLIVE

Mrs. Effie Davis
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Mr. Floyd Pennell

In Memoriam

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Mrs. Foda Connolly
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year has been marked by our efforts to complete the mandated tasks identified by our Committee of 21 and the actions of the Association in the last year.

We are completing construction on the new addition to the Association building, which will make it a Resource Center for our churches. Literature, discipleship courses, visual aids and much more through our Media Center will be available to all of our churches. We encourage our committees and churches to use this new facility to supply their meeting needs.

A new Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at our Annual Meeting in October giving us direction for our fellowship and work. This will help to define the affiliation and scope of our work together for the Kingdom of Christ.

Our Language Missions both for the first time, have spiritual leaders. Hmong and Hispanic bodies challenge our churches, as we become enablers to these ministries. Our prayers are added to the material support of these fledgling congregations. English as a Second Language will be the centerpiece of ministry for our work among these ethnic groups.

The Executive Committee voted to allow the Christian Crisis Center to lease a site for the construction of a new facility for their ministry on our property and at anytime CCC ceases to function, the facility will revert to the Alexander Baptist Association.

The future is bright and the fields lay white unto the harvest if we commit ourselves to work together for the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom as a fellowship of believers committed to Christ in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
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112th ANNUAL SESSION
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Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 5:13, 5:12, 13b, 14

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Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator
Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions

**LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Hiddenite NC
MORNING SESSION**

9:00 AM Hymn....."Blessed Be the Name".....# 50
Welcome.....Rev. William L. Wease, Host Pastor
Devotion and Prayer.....Rev. Jerry Gwaltney
Constitution of Session.....Moderator
Roll Call of Churches, Clerk.....Miss Emilyn Wagner
Order of Business.....Mr. Kenneth Kerley
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble, DOM
Recognition of Visitors.....Moderator
History of Host Church.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Announcements.....Moderator
9:25 Hymn....."He Lives".....#438

Reports

NC Baptist Hospital.....Speaker.....Dr. James Murphy
Church & Community Relations
OMC (On Mission Celebration) Revivals - March 26-29, 2000
Rev. Phil Billings, State Coordinator
Memorials.....Clerk
Executive Committee.....Moderator
Building and Grounds.....Edsel Mitchell
Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Budget & Finance/Adoption of Budget...Moderator, Chairman
Director of Missions - Missions Development, Calendar,
and Nominating Committee Update...Rev. Bill Goble
Church Media Library.....Kay White, Director
Habitat for Humanity.....Yvonne Schaefer, Pres.
10:20 Hymn....."I Love Thee".....# 75

Missions Performance Reports

Sunday School.....Rev. Craig Hamlin
WMU.....Pat Heinefield, Director
Baptist Men (Brotherhood).....Bob Brewington, Director
Deacon's Ministry.....Blayne Hollar, Consultant
Senior Adult Ministry.....Luci Patterson, Director
Stewardship.....Kenneth Kerley, Consultant
Music.....Rev. Chip Holden, Director
Seminary Extension.....Rev. David Giffin
Youth Ministry.....Rev. Ashley Evans, Team Consultant
Christian Life Commission.....Rev. Keith Childers

Evangelism.....Rev. Craig Hamlin
Hymn....."Fairest Lord Jesus".....#48

Miscellaneous Business -
Resolutions, Adoption of Constitution, etc....Moderator

Quarterly Meeting Places.....Moderator
Dedication of 1999 Annual Minutes.....Bobbi Glass
Christian Women's Job Corp.....Charles Reed, Site Coord.
State Director

11:25 Hymn "Victory in Jesus".....#475

11:30 **Message** Rev. William L. Wease, Pastor
Linney's Grove Baptist Church

12 Noon - Prayer of Thanksgiving - Adjourn for Lunch

EVENING SESSION - 7:00 PM
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH - TAYLORSVILLE
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Music Director

Call to Worship.....Host Church Praise Ensemble
Welcome & Prayer.....Rev. Jeff Bowden, Host Church
Devotional.....Rev. Ashley Evans, Host Church
Announcements.....Moderator
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff.....Rev. Bill Goble
History of Host Church.....Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Discipleship Ministry.....Cathy Hartness, Consultant

7:30 PM Hymn....."We Shall Behold Him".....#196
"On Mission Celebration" (OMC) - Skit
Sandra Ellis, OMC Promotion Coordinator

Language Missions.....Rev. Bill Goble
Alexander Baptist Assoc. Spiritual Leaders
Hmong - Mr. Toua Khang, Statesville
Hispanic - Rev. Faustino Banuelos, Granite Falls

Baptist State Convention - Language Church Planting
Asian Missions Director - Rev. Sei Hun Kim
Hispanic Missions Director - Rev. John Jones

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Dr. Rick Jordan
General Board Member, NCBSC

Special Music - Praise Ensemble.....Host Church

8:15 **Message**...Dr. James H. Royston, Exec Dir/Treas NCBSC

8:40 Installation of 1999-2000 Leaders.....Moderator

8:45 Adjourn to Fellowship Hall for Refreshments

HISTORY OF LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On October 2, 1895, Linney's Grove Baptist Church was organized with 33 charter members. At the Ninth Session of the Alexander Baptist Association, when the door was open for new churches, Linney's Grove was unanimously accepted with the following delegates: J. J. Hendren, Eli Hendren and J. T. Hendren.

They first erected a frame church. Many remember the arbor which stood between the church and the cemetery, in which there was great preaching, wonderful singing and marvelous movement of the Holy Spirit among the people. The brick church was built in 1953, and the Education and Fellowship Building was dedicated in 1984. Later the covered walkway between the two building was added.

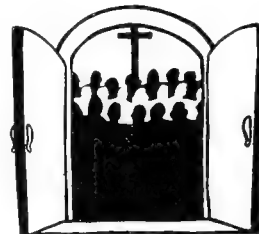
Since we last met here in 1992, a new ceiling and new light fixtures have been added and a new organ purchased. Rev. William Wease was the pastor then and the members are pleased that he continues to serve.

The history of the church has been published in the minutes of the Association when we met here in 1899, 1912, 1955, 1973, 1985 and 1992. They included the many ministers who have served the church and the young men from this church who have become pastors of other churches.

In 1995 the church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Dr. Howard Ford came back to preach at the morning service. A sumptuous dinner was enjoyed and in the afternoon the new church steeple was dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Echerd
Member, History Committee



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethlehem Meeting House, a church for all denominations, was built in the early 1830's, west of the present building, for worship and for funerals. When Mr. Jonas Perkins White gave land to Baptists adjacent to the community church, Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized under a brush arbor on December 9, 1871.

After several building programs, the present building was completed in 1985. Some recent renovations made room for additional Sunday School space and for the opening of the "Best Beginnings" Preschool in the fall of 1998. Two pieces of land beside the church became available in recent months, and were purchased - a total of more than ten acres.

Fourteen pastors have served during the 128 year history. While the Pastor Search Committee looks for a senior pastor, Rev. Jeff Bowden, Assistant Pastor, and Rev. Ashley Evans, Youth Minister, share the pastoral responsibilities and lead the worship services.

Bethlehem was admitted to the Alexander Baptist Association in 1889. At that time the membership was 75, and preaching services were one Saturday and one Sunday each month. Now there are 970 members, with two Sunday morning worship services, Discipleship Training classes on Sunday nights, and Wednesday night prayer services. Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of 60 in 1889 to 679 in 1999. Mrs. Wanda Ledford leads the WMU - which includes Mission Friends, G.A.s, Acteens and ladies groups. Mr. Jay Walker leads the Brotherhood and R.A.s. The men have helped with several projects of building and repairing of homes. They are preparing to help with the Habitat Home to be built in Bethlehem soon. The Senior Adults meet most Wednesday mornings for Bible Study with Rev. Bowden as teacher. Rev. Evans leads an active youth group on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

The church has always been missions minded. For the last three years foods and other items have been taken to a West Virginia coal mining town, and plans are made to take more in December 1999. Backyard Bible Clubs were held in West Virginia and a mission trip to Texas was made by the youth last summer. A team of people went to the east coast, with a load of cleaning items, food, and other needed materials, October 1-3 to help Hurricane Floyd victims. This was in addition to the large quantity of items Bethlehem sent on the truck from the Association in late September and a monetary gift of \$5,000.00.

Bethlehem Baptist Church is in a growing community with many opportunities to reach out to people in need of Christ, need of a church home, and need of friendships. We want to meet these needs through the care ministry and the visitation program.

Proceedings
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October 7, 1999

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Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions

LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Hiddenite, N.C.
MORNING SESSION

1. Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, welcomed the ones gathered for the Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.
2. The First Session of the 112th Annual Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator, on Thursday, October 7, 1999, beginning at 9:00 A.M.
3. Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, opened the meeting by leading the congregation in singing the hymn, "Blessed Be the Name", accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Lackey, of Stony Point Baptist Church.
4. Rev. William L. Wease, Pastor of the host church, welcomed those present, and led in prayer.
5. Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, read some verses from Proverbs 29 as the basis of his devotional thoughts on trained leaders in our churches and their setting examples for others in winning the lost. He closed with prayer.
6. Rev. Jennings, as moderator, declared the 112th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association be constituted to do business.
7. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Vice Moderator, made a motion that the printed program be adopted as the order of business for the 112th Session of the Alexander Baptist Association. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
8. Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches, and found 17 of the 20 churches were represented by the 76 people present.
9. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, recognized the new pastor present - Rev. Paul Schronce, Pastor of Mt. Herman Baptist Church. He also recognized interim pastors - Rev. J. T. Cline at Stony Point Baptist Church, Rev. David Giffin at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Rev. Jeff Bowden, Assistant Pastor, and Rev. Ashley Evans, Student Pastor, who share pastoral responsibilities at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Then he asked all pastors present and their wives to stand, which included Rev. Horace Moree, who has retired.

10. Miss Lucy Echerd, a member of the History Committee, read the history of Linney's Grove Baptist Church.

11. During the announcement time, the Moderator reminded the group of the Evening Session at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. today.

12. The congregation was led in singing the hymn, "He Lives", by Rev. Chip Holden.

REPORTS

13. Dr. James Murphy, of the Church and Community Department of the N.C. Baptist Convention, gave a report on the work of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

14. Rev. Phil Billings, State Coordinator, brought a report on OMC (On Mission Celebration) Revivals - March 26-29, 2000. He encouraged churches to agree to participate, call the association office, and begin preparing for it. Missionaries and other speakers will be assigned to the participating churches for those four days.

15. At the beginning of the Memorial Service for members of our churches who have been "called home" during the last year the Clerk read 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Revelation 14:13. As the names were read the respective church members stood. Rev. Bill Goble led in prayer.

16. Rev. Jennings called attention to the Executive Committee's Report on Page 3 of the 1999 Book of Reports and added that this has been a busy two years as he served as moderator. A motion was made to adopt the Executive Committee report. It was seconded, and passed by a show of hands.

17. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Treasurer, called attention to the treasurer's report on pages 36-37 and made a few comments on it.

18. The Budget and Finance report was made by the Moderator. He called attention to last year's budget on page 32, and to the 1999-2000 Proposed Budget on page 33. A motion was made to adopt the Proposed 1999-2000 Budget. It was seconded, and passed by show of hands.

19. Rev. Jennings called our attention to a few things that we are doing as a result of the Viability Study. The addition to the association building is almost complete. By noon Friday, Oct. 8, 1999, the building will be paid for. You will be able to see that building, if not before, on Sunday, October 31, at 3:00 P.M. when we have the Dedication Service. We hope you will come and enjoy a few moments with us. The Moderator is very proud of the work done by our staff.

20. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, reported there has been a good response from the churches for the eastern North Carolina Hurricane Floyd disaster. We now have two missions going - Rev. Faustino Banuelos, Pastor of a Spanish Mission in Granite Falls, comes to visit and has from three to five Bible studies on Saturdays. Mr. Toua Khang, from Statesville, is the spiritual leader for the Hmongs. The Hmongs meet every other Sunday in the fellowship hall of Hiddenite Baptist Church. Fifty boxes of food and supplies were packed and sent from churches in Alexander Association and one church in the Rocky Face Association to the disaster victims in Honduras. We had a good Toy Store in December in the National Guard Armory, and we are planning another one for this year. The response for the Mission Blitz was good.

There was a good response by the youth to the "True Love Waits" Program led by the youth leaders of the churches in our association.

Rev. Goble called attention to the Tentative Calendar of Events and Activities for 1999-2000 for the Alexander Baptist Association on pages 20-25.

Also Rev. Goble called attention to the Volunteer Selection Committee's Report on pages 41-45, and noted some of the positions not yet filled. He made a motion, on behalf of the Volunteer Selection Committee, to elect Rev. Gary Jennings the Interim Church and Community Ministries Director. Rev. Al Childers was nominated as Sunday School Director. The motion was seconded and it passed by a show of hands.

On page 57 Rev. Goble called attention to several items on the Digest of Letters.

Rev. Goble expressed thanks for having the privilege of serving as Director of Missions during the past year, and for the cooperation given by the churches.

21. Mrs. Yvonne Schaefer, President, gave an interesting and challenging report of the Habitat Program in Alexander County.

22. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "I Love Thee".

MISSIONS PERFORMANCE REPORTS

See the 1999 Book of Reports for details

23. The Sunday School Report was given by Rev. Craig Hamlin, 1999-99 Sunday School Director. Rev. Hamlin, also serves as the Evangelism Consultant, and gave the Evangelism Report.

24. WMU report was given by Mrs. Pat Heinefield, 1998-99 WMU Director.

25. Mr. Bob Brewington, Director/Consultant, gave the Brotherhood/Baptist Men's Report.

26. Mr. Blayne Hollar, Deacon Consultant, made the report of the Deacon Family Plan and recommended it to churches who have not tried it. There was an association training event earlier this year.

27. Mrs. Luci Patterson, 1998-99 Director, gave the Senior Adult Ministry report.

28. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, 1998-99 Consultant, gave the Stewardship report.

29. The Music report was given by Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director 1998-99.

30. Rev. David Giffin, Director, gave the Seminary Extension report.

31. Rev. Ashley Evans, Team Leader, gave a report of the Youth Activities for the past year. Recent events were the "Meet You At the Pole" on Sept. 17 - students met at the flag pole to pray. During the Harvest Crusade in Hickory, on Sat., Oct. 2, 15,000 were present to hear Rev. Greg Laurie on Youth Night.

32. Rev. Keith Childers, Chairman, gave the report for the Christian Life Commission. They had a conference during the Key Leadership Conference on Sept. 26 at East Taylorsville Church.

33. Mrs. Kay White, Director, gave the Church Library and Resource Center report. She encouraged churches to use the Resource Center at the Association Office.

34. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus".

35. At the request of the Moderator, the messengers voted to adjust the Schedule of the program and let Mr. Charles Reed, Site Coord., State Director of the Christian Women's Job Corp., speak at this time. He discussed the need for training women for jobs so they can support their families.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

36. Rev. William Wease, Chairman, read the Resolutions Committee Report, and made a motion to adopt it. The motion was seconded, and passed by raising hands.

37. Mr. Joe McDuffie, of Little River Church, made a motion to adopt the Constitution, and it was seconded by Mr. Dewey Austin, of Antioch Church. Following some discussion, Article VIII, Section 5 was amended by motion presented by Rev. Mike Runion, Pastor of Three Forks Church, to read: "The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association." The motion was seconded and passed by raising right hands.

A motion was made to change Article VIII, Section 1, to read: "The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 - the Sunday School Director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association." The motion was seconded and passed by show of hands.

The Constitution, as amended, was approved by a show of hands.

38. The Moderator reminded those present that we need volunteers for the quarterly meetings of the Association.

39. Mrs. Bobbi Glass made a motion that the 1999 Minutes of the Alexander Baptist Association be dedicated to Rev. Terry Ashe and Mrs. Mary Ashe. She then read information about the places of leadership Terry and Mary filled in the Association and in Alexander County while they were at Hiddenite Baptist Church. The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.

40. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Victory in Jesus".

41. Rev. William L. Wease, Pastor of Linney's Grove Baptist Church, preached the Annual Sermon. His sermon was "Celebrate Jesus 2000", and he read Revelation 4:11 and 5:12-14.

Celebrate Jesus

1. Celebrate His birth - Luke 2
2. Celebrate the Life of Jesus
3. Christians celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus
4. Celebrate the Ascension of Jesus
5. Celebrate the return of Jesus

42. Rev. Wease gave instructions how to reach the fellowship hall and invited everyone to enjoy the food prepared for us by the ladies.

43. Rev. Gary Jennings led the closing prayer.

44. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, Taylorsville, N. C.
EVENING SESSION - 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 7, 1999
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Music Director

45. The Bethlehem Church Praise Ensemble opened the session with special music.

46. Ref. Jeff Bowden, Assistant Pastor of the Host Church, welcomed the group, asked for prayer for the church as we seek a senior pastor, reported that God is blessing the church, and then led in prayer.

47. Rev. Ashely Evans, Student Minister of the host church, read Acts 2:1-11, 16 as the basis of his devotion, "God's Power Given to People." Outside of the coming of Jesus, we see here one of the greatest outpourings of God's Power poured out on man.

48. During the Announcenent time, Rev. Gary Jennings welcomed the group back for the Evening Session.

The man from the Baptist Hospital left us a sighup sheet. If you would like to receive their monthly newslettter sign the sheet on the front table before you leave. If you have not received one of their stickers for the refrigerator with a free number for their "Health on call line", please pick one up. You can call them any time, day or night, with your question.

On October 31, at 3:00 o'clock we will dedicate the new addition to our Associational Building and the Baptist Resource Center we are creating. You are invited to attend.

On November 9, at East Taylorsville, 7:00 P.M., our "Associational On Mission" Conference Leadership Clinic will be held. If you are a part of church or association leadership of the "On Mission" Conference that will be held in March, 2000, this is your opportunity for training..

49. Rev. Goble recognized the new pastor present - Rev. Paul Schronce, Pastor of Mt. Herman Church. He has been at the church one week. Interim pastors recognized were Rev. David Giffin at Mt. Olive Church and Rev. J. T. Cline at Stony Point Church. He reported that Macedonia Church will be losing their pastor the last of October.

50. Mrs. Florrie Kerley reminded the group that each one has a handout of a history of Bethlehem Church so she did not read it but commended the church for their mission work done in the last few years.

51. Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Consultant, gave the Discipleship Training report.

52. We adopted our new Constitution this morning, which calls for four quarterly meetings. The Moderator asked churches to look at their calendars and consider hosting one of the quarterly meetings. If you can host one let us know as quickly as possible.

53. Mrs. Shela Austin, Music Director, led the congregation in singing the hymn, "We Shall Behold Him", accompanied by Mr. Ron Vannoy, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville

54. Rev. Goble introduced the Language missions work by saying when Jesus gave the Great Commission He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". The world has come to Alexander County in the persons of Hispanic people and the Hmong people from the highland of Laos. Rev. Faustino Banuelos is the pastor of the Hispanic mission of Concord Baptist Church in Granite Falls. He comes on Saturdays to Alexander County and has from three to five Bible studies in homes each week. Hopefully we will need to start Hispanic worship services in the near future, and we hope they can be in the new resource building. Some have been asking for a class with English as a second language. We hope to start that in the near future.

55. Mr. Toua Khang, the Spiritual Leader for the Hmong mission at Hiddenite, was introduced by Rev. Goble, and spoke to the group. He is supported by Hiddenite Baptist Church, the Baptist State Convention, and the Association.

56. Rev. Sei Hun Kim, Asians Missions Director with the North Carolina Baptist Convention, was introduced by Rev. Goble. He spoke to the group.

57. Dr. Rick Jordan, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church and a member of the General Board of N. C. Baptist Convention, introduced Dr. James H. Royston, Executive Director/Treasurer of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention.

58. Special music was presented by the Bethlehem Church Praise Ensemble. They gave songsheets to the congregation so they could sing too.

59. Dr. James Royster presented an interesting report of mission work in North Carolina and then presented a challenging message on "Celebrate Jesus 2000" and make Him known. Win the lost and disciple the believers should be the goal for all churches and associations.

60. The Moderator led the Installation Service for the 1999-2000 Leaders, and closed with prayer.

61. The group adjourned to the fellowship hall for refreshments.

Respectively submitted,

Emilyn Wagner, Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT

Thanks to the following fourteen (14) clerks who completed their church letters accurately and returned them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda D. Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Robert Paul Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Susan Ferguson	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Mrs. Donna H. Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Mrs. Colleen Campbell	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Tootsie Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville, First Baptist Church
Mrs. Kim Unthank	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of regular and special activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Emilyn Wagner
ASSOCIATION CLERK

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

September 1998 - August 1999

Miles traveled: 3,740 reimbursed at \$.31 per mile.

Visited 70 churches, 147 services/events, 138 days

WORK ON FIELD: Preached in a number of churches, performed wedding ceremonies and funerals, conducted Bible Studies and prayer meetings.

OFFICE WORK: Many telephone conversations and consultations. Preparation of many mailouts to pastors and other church leaders, especially monthly Newsletters (about 400 each month).

MAJOR MEETINGS/EVENTS, etc. THIS YEAR:

Establishment of Hispanic Mission - Rev. Faustino Banuelos of Granite Falls - Bible Study Leader in Community, and Hmong Mission - Mr. Toua Khang, Spiritual Leader, Statesville - at Hiddenite Church.

Relief for Honduras - Food Boxes - about sixty (60) went from our Association. Literacy Missions Workshop - 16 Hours; Christmas Toy Store - Annual Event; Key Leadership Conference, Missions Blitz Preparation, Annual WMU Meeting, "True Love Waits" Rally - Emphasis in Junior and Senior High Schools, VBS Clinic; Established a Computer Class for pastors and church secretaries at ACHS. Established a Senior Adult Choir called "Alexander Singing Seniors"; Co-chairman of National Day of Prayer Program at Courthouse, Senior Adult Rally, Three (3) Executive Committee Meeting - approved New Constitution, restructuring of Association; Monthly Pastor's Conference; Almost monthly Ministers' Wives' Fellowship; Church Secretaries' Fellowship quarterly meetings; and Annual Session - Bill Goble appointed as Director of Missions.

DENOMINATIONAL EMPHASES: The vast majority of those were calendared events, especially the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, North Carolina Missions Offering and the emphasis of various N. C. Baptist related institutions.

PLANS IN PLACE FOR BIG EVENTS IN 2000: OMC (On Mission Celebration) Revivals March 26-29, 2000; Missions Blitz; Key Leadership Conference; and County-wide Revival Crusade September 17-22, and 24-29, 2000.

WORK IN COMMUNITY: Alexander Clergy Association; Ellendale Ruritan Club, Treasurer and Chaplain; Habitat for Humanity, Board of Directors; Scheduler for Ministers to give invocation at monthly County Commissioners Meetings; and Promoted Greg Laurie's "Western North Carolina Harvest Crusade, October 1-3, 1999 in Hickory, etc.

MEETINGS ATTENDED OUTSIDE OF ASSOCIATION: Retired DOM Conference; Convention Staff-DOM Conference; State Evangelism Conference; NC State Baptist Convention in Winston-Salem; Ministers Seminars, Hickory; Key Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest; and Gideon Banquet.

BILL GOBLE, Director of Missions

Resolution Committee Report

Be it resolved by the Alexander Baptist Association in the 112th Annual Session that we are grateful to God for another year in which we could serve Him.

We are thankful to the members of Linney's Grove and Bethlehem for the warm hospitality and the delicious food we enjoyed.

We appreciate the wonderful leadership of the Director of Missions Bill Goble, Moderator Gary Jennings, Secretary Bobbi Glass, and Clerk Emilyn Wagner.

We were blessed by the speakers and express our gratitude to the Program Committee for their planning the sessions.

We are very grateful for the good work Mary Ashe did as the Director of Missions Development. She has been missed very much and we pray her new work will be successful.

We have been challenged to be more dedicated to proclaim Jesus at home and around the world. Let us work and pray to this end.

Respectfully submitted,
William Wease
Betty Lovette
Martha Hines

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD/BAPTIST MEN

According to the reports, attendance at the meetings in all the Baptist Men's groups increased during the year. Several groups are still meeting just for a breakfast with no active involvement in mission activities. Hopefully at the beginning of the 1999-2000 year, we plan to have quarterly meetings of all the churches Baptist Men leaders in order to discuss mission needs in our county and stimulate some interest.

Our Key Leadership meeting for the Baptist Men in August was low in attendance, but the ones that attended showed an increased interest in doing more local missions.

Several Baptist Men's group have expressed an interest in helping with the first Habitat house scheduled to begin construction at the end of this year as weather permits. One group has volunteered to do the finish work and other groups will do clean up and other carpentry.

Due to unusual demands on my time this past year, I was not able to attend the regular meetings of each group as I had anticipated, but since my church has called a new pastor, my services on that committee will no longer be needed and I will be able to concentrate more on the workings of the men's groups of our Association.

There is still much work to be done for the Lord in Alexander County. Helping to make the life of another person or family easier and better is another step to reaching the un-churched and un-saved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Brewington
Baptist Men's Director

Deacon Report 98/99

The Alexander Baptist Association sponsored a training event for deacons in our association at Antioch Baptist Church on March 30, 1999 led by Dr. Leslie Evans, Director of Missions of the Macon Association, Franklin, N.C. He is a state approved Deacon Ministry Consultant.

We, as deacons are set apart by our church to be stewards of the gospel. The gospel, the good news about Jesus, has been given into the hands of deacons and other believers to share with each other and with those who do not yet know Him. Our task is to minister to our deacon families, and be an encourager ...with little children, teenagers, Sunday School teachers, other friends and our pastor. People need someone to encourage them, especially those who are trying to grow spiritually and also those who are carrying heavy burdens.

If I can be of service to you please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
Blayne E. Hollar

ALEXANDER SINGING SENIORS

In July of 1999 the Alexander Singing Seniors held their organizational meeting at the Alexander Senior Center in Taylorsville. The group meets twice a month: the second Tuesday at 11:00 AM and the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Rehearsals last approximately one hour and are held at the Alexander Senior Center.

The group has been invited to perform Saturday, October 16, 1999 at the Apple Festival in Taylorsville. They will also provide musical entertainment on Thursday, November 4, 1999 at the Alexander Baptist Association Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally Celebration at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The Singing Seniors welcome anyone who wishes to join and isn't intimidated by the gray hair of most members. The selection of music includes religious and secular music.

The Alexander Singing Seniors have an average practice attendance of more than twenty. Angela Johnson and Brenda Robertson are serving as pianists. Robert and Shelia Austin are the directors. Luci Patterson, Senior Adult Coordinator for Alexander Baptist Association, assists with arrangements and engagements.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelia Austin, Director
ALEXANDER SINGING SENIORS



THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY REPORT

NOVEMBER 12TH The fall Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally was held at Antioch Baptist Church with 140 people attending. Our program featured participants from Antioch, Lebanon, and Hiddenite Baptist Church. The highlight of the event was a special guest appearance of "THE KING." No, it wasn't Elvis, but his look-a-like Dr. Rick Jordan, who entertained us with singing, dancing and throwing throwing scarfs to the ladies. The Antioch "HAA HAA" group did a superb presentation of song, dance and recitation. Hiddenite Baptist presented a fun fashion show, and Lebanon's Brenda Bumgarner gave a recitation titled "What's Old?" If you did not attend this luncheon you missed a wonderful time of fun and good fellowship.

FEBRUARY 10TH A meeting of church co-ordinators was held at the Association Office. Attendance was low, but a lot was accomplished by those present. We reviewed the results of an activity poll which was taken at the Spring and Fall Rally. On a scale of 1 to 10 several items rated very high. Number one in the poll was a desire to have a monthly Senior Adult newsletter. This was placed on hold for further study as to cost and feasibility. In the meantime, watch for our news in the monthly Association's newsletter. Number two on the scale was craft classes. At present we have a Chrismon class at the Senior Center each Tuesday from 2-4 PM.

Rating high on the scale was for us to have a Senior Adult Choir. This is in progress, and doing great under the direction of Robert and Sheila Austin. We have approximately 35 active members at present and need more. The group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 11:00 AM, and the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. Shirts have been ordered for members & their first public appearance will be at the APPLE FESTIVAL.

AUGUST 26TH The Key Leadership Conference was held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Guest speaker for the Senior Adult Session was David Best, State Consultant, Kernersville, NC. He was a great speaker, and very helpful to those attending.

PLANS FOR YEAR 1999/2000

NOVEMBER 4TH The fall Senior Adult Luncheon/Rally is set for November 4th at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The program for the event will include guest singer, Randy Turner from Stony Point, and our very own "ALEXANDER SINGING SENIORS." You don't want to miss this one! So watch for that sign up sheet to arrive at your church and get your name in. Our lunch will be served by Bethlehem at a cost of \$5.00 per person.

A seminar on "Dealing With Grief" was requested in our poll, and is being considered for the new year. Adams Funeral home has agreed to participate with us in this seminar.

LUCI PATTERSON, Senior Adult Ministry Director
Alexander Baptist Association

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 1999-DECEMBER 2000

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

*** Denotes Associational & Local Church-Related Activity**

AO - Associational Office (Missions Resource Center)

OCTOBER 1999

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| 1 | Harvest Crusade (Greg Laurie) Hickory |
| * 3 | "On Mission to Share Jesus" Sunday |
| 4- 6 | FAITH Training, Fairview Church, Statesville |
| * 7 | Annual Assn Meeting 9AM-Lunch Linney's Grove 7PM Bethlehem Ch. |
| * 9 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| 10 | World Hunger Day |
| 11-14 | FAITH Training, Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte |
| *12 | Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM-Time Change-Alex. Senior Center |
| *12 | Fall Church Bldg. Conf. Beulah Church, Statesville 9AM-4:30 BSCNC |
| *13 | Ministers' Conference 9:00 AM AO |
| *14 | Church Secretaries Fellowship 12 Noon AO |
| *15 | OMC Participation Deadline |
| *16 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| 16 | Hometown Apple Festival |
| *23 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| *26 | Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM Alexander Senior Center |
| *30 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |

NOVEMBER 1999

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| * 1- 3 | NC Southern Baptist Secretaries' Conference - Ridgecrest |
| * 1 | Baptist Womens' Day of Prayer 7PM Bethlehem Church |
| * 4 | Senior Adult Rally/Luncheon 11AM Bethlehem Church |
| * 6 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| * 7-13 | RA Week in Churches |
| * 9 | Training Session for Churches' OMC Coord. Team 7PM East Tay. Ch. |
| * 9 | Alexander Singing Seniors 11:00 AM Alexander Senior Center |
| *10 | Ministers' Conference 9:00 AM AO |
| 11 | Reg 7 Bapt. Men's Rally Pilgrim Ch. N.Wilkesboro 6:30 Supper - 8:30 |
| *13 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| *14 | International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians |
| *14-17 | International Mission Study |
| *15-16 | N C Baptist State Convention Winston-Salem |
| 16 | Alexander Clergy Assn 10:00 AM TBA |
| *20 | Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS |
| *23 | Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM Alexander Senior Center |

25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed (25, 26)
 *28-12/5 Week of Prayer for International Missions
 and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 1999 **Toy Store & International Missions Emphasis Month**

* 1- 5 Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 * 1 Funding Deadline from OMC Participating Churches
 * 4 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 * 4 "Ice Cream" Breakfast for WMU Council, WMU,
 WOM Leaders 9AM AO
 4 WMU Day at "Operation Christmas Child" Processing Ctr. CLT
 6- 7 Retired DOM Meeting, Caraway
 * 9 Associational Executive Council 7PM AO
 *11 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 *14 Alexander Singing Seniors 11:00 AM Alexander Senior Center
 *16-17 Toy Store - "Operation Christmas Spirit! Nat'l Guard Armory
 *18 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 25 **Christmas Day** (23, 24, 27 Holiday) - Office Closed
 26 Student Day at Christmas
 *28 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM Alexander Senior Center
 31 New Year's Eve (Y2K), Singles New Year's Eve Bash-Caswell

JANUARY 2000 *** Winter Bible Study Month (1 & 2 Thessalonians)**

1 Y2K - New Year's Day
 * 3 New Year's Day Holiday Office Closed
 * 5 Quarterly Association Meeting AO TBA
 5- 9 18th Baptist World Congress, Melbourne, Australia
 * 8 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 *10-11 State Baptist Evangelism Conference, Winston-Salem
 *11 Alexander Singing Seniors 11:00 AM
 *12 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
 *13 Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Village Inn Pizza Parlor 12 Noon
 *15 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 *18 "On Mission Celebration" (OMC) Coordinating Team 7PM AO
 18 Associational/Convention Staff Planning Retreat, Caraway
 *22 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
 *23 Baptist Men's Day in Churches
 *25 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 25-26 NCBSC Board, Caraway
 28-29 NC Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh
 *29 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS

FEBRUARY 2000 *** Winter Bible Study Month (1 & 2 Thessalonians)**

* **"True Love Waits" Emphasis**
 * 5 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS

- * 7-13 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Retirement Homes
- * 8 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- * 9 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
- *12 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *13-20 WMU Focus Week
- *16 Pastoral Ministers' Leadership Conf. 9AM-Lunch, Place-TBA
- 18-19 Youth Handbell Festivals
- *19 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *20 Baptist College & Seminaries Day
- 20-23 North American Missions Days
- *22 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *25-26 Associational WMU Directors Retreat, Mundo Vista
- *25-26 Regional & Associational S.S. Specialist Training
Guilford Baptist Church, Greensboro
- *26 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *27 Volunteers in Missions Day

MARCH 2000

- 3- 4 OMC Month, "True Love Waits" Emphasis
North American Missions Month
Discipling in Today's Church
- * 4 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- * 5 Associational WMU Council 3PM AO
- * 5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering ("On Mission America")
- * 8 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
- * 9 Associational Executive Council 7PM AO
- 9-11 Marriage Enrichment Retreat, No. Myrtle Beach
- *11 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *12-19 Youth Week in Local Churches "Free the Fire"
- *14 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 17-18 Language Pastors' Retreat, Caraway
- 17-18 Father-Son Retreat-Sports Impact-Caswell
- *18 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *25 OMC Rally TBA
- *25 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *26-29 OMC "On Mission Celebration" Revivals in Churches
- *28 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 31-April 2 Missions Extravaganza #1, Ridgecrest

APRIL 2000

- Easter and Missions Blitz Month
- Baptist Doctrine Study Month "Foundations of the Faith:
The Doctrines Baptists Believe" by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Edgemon
- * 1 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- * 2 Associational Children's Bible Drills, Bethlehem Church
- * 6 Quarterly Assoc. Meeting Smyrna Baptist Church 7:00 PM

- * 8 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *11 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *12 Associational Pastoral Ministries Caregiving Conference TBA
or Ministers' Conference
- 14-15 Interfaith Witness Seminar, Caraway
- 14-16 Single Adult Retreat, Caswell
- 15 Lad-Crusader RA Congress TBA
- *15 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- *15 **Missions Blitz** East Taylorsville 7:30 Breakfast, 8:15
go to Mission Assignments (Medical/Dental Bus reserved)
- 16 **Palm Sunday**
- 17 Reg 7 Bapt. Men Rally, Wilkesboro Bapt. Church 6:30 PM
- *17-24 Associational Missions Week
- 21 **Good Friday** - Office Closed
- 23 **Easter Day - Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord**
- 23 Earth Stewardship Sunday
- *25 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 26 Secretaries Day
- *27 Associational Grief Seminar For Our Senior Adults TBA
- 28 State Children's Bible Drills (3 locations)
- 28-29 Disaster Relief Expo
- 28-30 N.C. Media Library Workshop, Caswell
- 29 GA Day at Mundo Vista
- *29 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS

MAY 2000

- * 4 National Day of Prayer
- * 4 Associational VBS Clinic - Millersville
- 4- 6 N.C. Senior Adult Festival, Greensboro
- 5 State Youth Bible Drills & Speaker's Tournament (2 locations)
- * 6 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- 6 State Children's Bible Drills (4 locations)
- * 8- 9 Key Leadership Conference - Ridgecrest
- * 9 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 7-14 Week of Prayer & Special Offering to NC Baptist Hospital
- *10 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
- *11 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon AO
- *13 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- 13 State RA Track Meet
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15-17 Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
- 17-19 Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
- *20 Computer Class 9-Noon ACHS
- 21-22 WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caswell
- 22-29 National Associational Emphasis Week
- *23 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM

23-24 NCBSC General Board, Caraway
 *25 Associational Deacon Retreat TBA
 26-28 Couples Spring Break, Caswell
 29 Memorial Day - Office Closed

JUNE 2000

VBS Month; Camps, Assemblies & Conference Centers Month
 * 4 Associational WMU Council 3:00 PM AO
 * 8 Associational Executive Council 7:00 PM AO
 *11-12 National WMU Annual Meeting, Orlando FL
 *13 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 *13-14 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando FL
 18 Father's Day
 23-24 WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
 *24 Associational Summer Event for Youth TBA
 *27 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM

JULY 2000

VBS Month; Camps, Assemblies & Conference Centers Month
 2 Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
 * 3- 7 Week of Christian Study, Mars Hill College
 4 Independence Day - Office Closed
 10-12 Associational Staff Summer Conference, Caraway
 *11 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 *13 Quarterly Assoc. Meeting Hiddenite Baptist Church 7:00 PM
 *14-15 WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
 16-19 Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest
 19-23 Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest
 23-26 Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest
 21-22 WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
 23-24 WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
 *25 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 *27-28 Super Summer 2000 Carowinds
 *30 Church Clerk's Conference 3:00 PM AO

AUGUST 2000

School Starts Month
 6 Religious Persecution Sunday
 * 8 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 8- 9 Associational Discipleship Supporters Update, Caraway
 * 9 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
 *10 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon AO
 11-12 Church Brotherhood Leadership Training
 21-25 Senior Adult Conference By-The-Sea, Caswell
 *22 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
 *24 Associational Key Leadership Conference ETBC

SEPTEMBER 2000

- 4 Labor Day - Office Closed
- * 7 Associational Executive Council 7:00 PM AO
- * 8- 9 ETC (Equipping Today's Church) Ridgecrest
- * 8-10 Sunday School Launch Weekend I
- *10-17 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
- *12 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *13 Ministers' Conference 9AM ABA
- *15 Youth "See You At The Pole" Day
- 15-16 Sunday School Leadership Training I, Caraway
- 17 Biblical Recorder Day
- 22-23 Sunday School Leadership Training II, Caraway
- *26 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *17-22; 24-29 Alexander Crusade 2000, Taylorsville

OCTOBER 2000

- Cooperative Program Month**
- * 5 113th Annual Meeting-Alexander Bapt.Assoc.-Mt. Herman
- * 8 World Hunger Day
- *10 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *11 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
- *12 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon AO
- *24 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *25 Pastoral Ministries Preaching Conference 9-Lunch TBA

NOVEMBER 2000

- * 2 Senior Adult Rally/Luncheon TBA
- 5-11 RA Week
- * 6 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- * 6- 8 NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference TBA
- * 8 Ministers' Conference 9AM AO
- 12-19 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
- 13 NC Baptist Youth Ministers' Convention
- *13-15 Baptist State Convention - Winston-Salem
- *14 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- *19-20 International Mission Study
- *21 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - (23, 24 Holiday) Office Closed

DECEMBER 2000

- Toy Store & International Missions Month**
- * 3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- * 7 Associational Executive Council 7PM AO
- * 8 Ministers' and Wives' Christmas Party TBA
- *12 Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM
- 25 Christmas Day (22, 25, 26 Holiday) Office Closed

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of the ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Preamble

We, the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the region of Alexander County, State of North Carolina, unite according to the plan and for the purpose of New Testament churches in our world. To this end and according to the following articles, we cooperate, with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we confirm the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (revised in 1998).

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association, Inc., hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this state is at 223 5th Ave., SW, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 28681, in Alexander County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity, growth, and cooperation among the churches related to the Association and to provide resources, opportunities, and coordination that will encourage and enable the churches, both individually and together, to achieve the objectives and goals toward fulfilling the Great Commission in their community, association, state, nation and around the world.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. The Association shall be composed of each local Missionary Baptist Church in the region desiring membership in the Association. A Missionary Baptist Church shall be defined as follows:

- a) One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association.
- b) Elects and sends messengers to the quarterly meetings.

- c) Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and
- d) Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 2. Voting Messengers: Each member church of the Association shall send four (4) messengers to the Associational sessions composed of the pastor of said member church and three (3) active members of said church, each of whom shall have an equal voting privilege with regard to Associational business.

Section 3. Any church may sever its working relationship with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a member church when without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 1 or when for any reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be inconsistent with the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4. Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

- a) Make application to the Association Credentials Committee for recognition as a member Baptist Church.
- b) Furnish the Credentials Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.
- c) Upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Association in any session, a church may be recognized as a member church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church in the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, with October as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Association year shall begin September 1 and continue through August 31.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator/President to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office. He shall sign all legal documents for the Association as President of the Association.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator/Vice-President to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk/Secretary to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and supervise the printing and distributing of the same. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Association office. The Clerk/Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Council and serve as its official correspondent. The Clerk/Secretary shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 5. In addition to the above set forth officers, the Association at its April meeting shall elect a leadership team nominated for that purpose.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members shall be elected from the floor in the January quarterly meeting of the Association consisting of no more than one (1) member from any given church.

Section 7. In addition to the election of the officers set forth above, the Association shall elect a Director of Missions who shall serve indefinitely at the discretion of the Association. The election of said Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any duly scheduled meeting of the Association. The termination of the Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

An Associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Women's Missionary Union, Baptist Men's Ministry, Music and Youth. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the Sunday School

director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3. In case of an emergency, the Executive Council may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4. The Clerk/Secretary shall make a report of the Executive Council proceedings to the Association in session. The report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A majority of enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes of the members present except for the election or dismissal of the Director of Missions.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

If, and when, a change in this constitution or bylaws is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the Executive Council at least three (3) months [one quarter] before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Executive Council to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of the proposed change or changes. The amendment of the constitution and bylaws shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Association present at its annual meeting.

History of Little River Baptist Church

Little River Baptist Church was organized in 1792 and is believed to be the first Baptist church in Alexander County. The church became a charter member of Alexander Association in 1887.

We last met here in 1992, which was their 200th year celebration. Many improvements have been made for their church and congregations since that time. The old sanctuary was remolded into Sunday School classrooms. A computer has been purchased. A new copier was purchased and the old one given to a missionary in Indiana.

In 1995 a church pictorial directory was made. Also in 1995, a base guitar, cordless microphone was bought and changes were made in the by-laws of the church.

In 1996, Pastor Mark Robinette resigned and Jeff Chapman was called as interim pastor. In February of 1997, Mr. Chapman was called as pastor. Also in 1996, the Kisha White Memorial Scholarship fund was established to help a high school graduate or current college student.

A tape duplicator was purchased in 1997 and wireless hearing devices for those in the congregation with hearing impairments.

Since we last met here their enrollment has increased with 43 additions by baptisms and 57 other additions. A list of pastors in earlier years and events that have taken place in the life of the church are listed in past minutes. Rev. Jeff Chapman is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Florrie Kerley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SPRING SESSION

Little River Baptist Church
Thursday, March 25, 1999 -7:00 P.M.

Presiding . . Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator

Theme: "Go Make Disciples - Grow In Spiritual Power."
Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

1. The Spring Session of the 112th year of the Alexander Baptist Association was presided over by Rev. Gary Jennings, Moderator. The host church was Little River Baptist Church, beginning at 7:00 P.M.
2. Rev. Chip Holden, Music Director, played the prelude, and then led the congregation in singing the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell". Miss Lucy Echerd, of First Baptist Church, served as organist.
3. Rev. David Chapman, Pastor of Mountain Ridge Church, led the invocation.
4. Rev. Jennings welcomed those present, and thanked Little River Church for serving as host for the Spring Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.
5. Rev. Jeff Chapman, Host Pastor, welcomed those attending the Associational Meeting. He read Acts 4:13 as the basis for his devotion. He said members of our churches need to be people of prayer, we need to have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and we ought to have a purpose for serving Christ. He closed with prayer.
6. Rev. Gary Jennings called into session the Spring Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.
7. Miss Emilyn Wagner, Clerk, called the roll of churches - 15 churches were represented by the 81 people present.
8. Recommendations from the Executive Committee were reported by Rev. Gary Jennings:

(1) The Moderator gave information on the enlarging of the Association Office Building (that had been presented to the December 1998 Association Executive Committee) and recommended that the Buildings and Grounds Committee let the bids on this project and go ahead with the construction as soon as possible. It needs to be started before the new building rules become effective July 1, 1999. Joe McDuffie, of Little River Church, made a motion that this be done. Kenneth Kerley, of Mt. Herman Church, seconded the motion. After some discussion it carried by a majority of raised hands.

(2) The Hispanic Committee wishes to recommend to the Alexander Baptist Association a revised budget for the rest of the 1998-99 budget year:

\$75.00 per week for Salary of Missionary (Pastor)
The allowable IRS reimbursement for driving expense
\$500.00 for Miscellaneous expenses of the Mission
\$500.00 for Bibles and Tracts
\$500.00 for Literature

We are sharing the Hispanic Pastor of Concord Baptist Church, of Granite Falls, one day a week.

Rev. Jeff Chapman made a motion that the budget be revised. Rev Mike Runion, Pastor of Three Forks Church, seconded the motion and it carried by show of hands.

(3) Dr. Ken Walters, Chairman of Evangelism Committee, discussed the recommendation that the churches in our association have Simultaneous Revivals in October 1999. After some discussion, the motion was seconded, and passed by a show of hands.

(4) After some discussion, Rev. Jeff Chapman made a motion that an evangelistic crusade be held in August or September, 2000. Rev. Darren Lambert seconded the motion, and it carried by raised hand. The Moderator said that an adhoc committee will be formed to work with the Evangelism Committee. These committees will begin work immediately.

(5) The World Mission Conference will be held March 26-29, 2000. Churches who plan to participate need to send their name to the Association Office soon.

(6) In answer to a question, the Moderator reported that the Crisis Center is looking for a piece of land on which to build.

We will be looking closely at their campaign to raise money. If they are not able to find a piece of land, we may consider the possibility of offering part of the Association land - we have three acres. If anything develops, we'll report back to the Executive Committee.

(7) Rev. Mike Runion made a motion that a Resolution of Appreciation be written for Mrs. Mary Ashe. Rev. William Wease, Chairman of Resolutions Committee, was asked to have his committee write this.

9. Mrs. Cathy Hartness, Chairperson, presented the Volunteer Selection Committee Report. After mentioning some of the places still not filled, she made a motion that the report be adopted. Rev. William Wease, Pastor of Linney's Grove Church, seconded the motion, and it passed by show of hands.

10. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, in his report said the purpose of the Association is to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. That's our purpose, our aim, and our mission. Paul says in II Corinthians 5:18, "God ... hath given us the ministry of reconciliation." He called attention to several things:

(1) The Hispanic Mission - the new pastor's name is Rev. Faustino Banuelos. He is about 23 years of age, just finished the Spanish Seminary in Texas, and is available to serve in our association one day a week with our Hispanic Mission. Since Hispanics are hesitant to go into a church, Rev. Baunelos wants to begin Bible studies in homes. Please pray for him, the Bible studies, and his ministry. Rev. Goble reported that we have some Bibles and tracts he can use. The Association sends the money for his salary and travel expenses to the church in Granite Falls, and they add it to his check.

(2) A few Saturdays ago General Vang came to Alexander County to help get a Hmong Mission started. He visited with 8 or 10 families. In cooperation with Hiddenite Baptist Church, we plan to begin a ministry for the Hmongs. One of the things they want is to get their citizenship. They need to learn English as a second language, and we hope to present the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.

(3) We need to get commitments from the churches for the World Missions Conference (March 26-29, 2000) in the near future.

(4) We are starting a new Senior Adult Choir - known as "Singing Seniors". They will begin practicing at the Alexander Senior Center April 13, 11:00 A.M.

(5) As mentioned earlier, we need a part-time Community Missions Director. If anyone is interested, or if you know someone you could recommend, please call the Association Office.

(6) Habitat for Humanity plans to select someone soon to receive a home. We need volunteers to help with this ministry.

(7) On Thursday, May 6, we hope to have a National Day of Prayer service on the courthouse lawn at noon. Churches are asked to ring their bells at noon that day. Join us in prayer for our nation.

Thank you for your support of Association Missions.

11. Rev. Chip Holden led the congregation in singing the hymn, "The Light of the World".

12. Dr. Rick Jordan, Pastor of Antioch Church, read Acts 1:8 and led in prayer.

13. Special Music, "Reach the World for Christ", was presented by the Pennell Family of Little River Baptist Church.

14. Ministries - "IN JESUS' NAME - FOR HIS SAKE"

Rev. Jennings reminded the group that our missions theme has been "In Jesus' Name - For His Sake". On the second sheet of the program you will find a list of mission events that have been a part of our local churches last year, or will be carried out this year. He said he hoped we'd go away tonight with a spirit of the missions. Encourage and pray for the missions planned for this summer.

(1) * * LOCAL & STATE MISSIONS * *

"True Love Waits" - testimonies under the leadership of Rev. Ashley Evans, Association Youth Leader

(A) "Summer" - Appalachian State University student

(B) Testimonies by three West Junior High students who participated in the "True Love Waits" campaign: Kelly McDevitt, Sky DeBoever, and Megan Starnes.

(2) Local/State/Baptist Men - Bob Brewington, Brotherhood Director, reported that Baptist Men often get involved where there is a need:

Many help with building Habitat Homes

A Handyman's Ministry where they repair homes for the sick and elderly

The Firewood Ministry - the summer months is a good time to prepare for this

The Medical/Dental Bus Ministry is a very busy aspect of the North Carolina Baptist Men's Ministry

One of the newest is the Aviation Ministry - patients are taken to hospitals in distant places, and their families are taken for visits

There is much to do and Baptist Men do a lot of things to prepare the way for people who do not know Christ to accept Him. Their Theme is: Every Christian a Missionary.

(3) NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS (WEST VA.) Rev. Jeff Bowden, Assistant Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, in the absence of Mrs. Shelia Little, Leader of this Ministry, who was ill, gave a report of the mission trips made by Bethlehem Church to help people in a poverty area of West Virginia, especially the 1998 trip. Plans are already being made to return and minister to more families in 1999.

(4) INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - Bob Phillips of Three Forks Church, gave a report of his work with mission work in Russia and of plans for a mission trip to Russia this summer.

12. Rev. Jennings closed the meeting with prayer, and gave thanks for the refreshments that would be served in the Fellowship Hall.

13. Many enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by Little River Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilyn Wagner
Clerk

MUSIC COUNCIL REPORT

An Associational Children's Music Camp was held on June 7 through 11, 1999 at East Taylorsville Baptist Church from 9:00 AM to Noon. On Thursday after rehearsal, we rewarded the children by taking the children's group to Hickory Dickory Dock. On June 11 at 7:00 PM, the children presented the musical "24/7". The title represents that God is there **Anytime, Anywhere.**

There was a total of 28 children and 3 adult leaders represented from various churches in our Association. The gospel was presented to these kids and fortunately everyone felt comfortable that they had made a previous decision for salvation.

A Senior Adult Associational Choir, called the Alexander Singing Seniors, has been formed and is led by Shelia and Robert Austin. They meet at the Alexander Senior Center in Taylorsville on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Participation has been very favorable and there is always room for more.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Holden
MUSIC DIRECTOR



Report for the Alexander Association Annual Meeting
From Dr. Rick Jordan, Pastoral Ministries Director

The position of the Pastoral Ministries Director is a new one to our Association. The Pastoral Ministries Director's task is to assist the local church pastoral ministries team, both personally and professionally, by planning and/or conducting educational programs (workshops, retreats, projects and activities) for training in pastoral care, leadership and proclamation/worship skills. An attempt should be made to balance the workshops, etc., between the pastoral ministry team members' personal and professional lives. The director will inform pastoral ministry teams about these and other educational opportunities (such as those provided by denominational organizations) through the Alexander Baptist Association's newsletter and other appropriate avenues.

A recent event was the state convention sponsored workshop titled "Pastoral Ministry for Times of Sudden Loss", which focused on traumatic, unexpected losses such as car accident deaths, suicides and homicides. It was conducted on September 22 from 9 AM – noon at the Theron Rankin Baptist Association Building in Hickory. Jim Hightower led the workshop. A ministers' fellowship lunch followed the session.

For 1999-2000, we will promote statewide workshops as well as offer the opportunity to have Alexander Association regional workshops.



The Christian Life Commission of the Alexander Baptist Association was represented again this year at our Key Leadership Training at the East Taylorsville Baptist Church on Thursday, August 26. There continue to be manner relevant issues such as the lottery that demand our attention.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities during Sunday school and on designated Sundays such as “sanctity of human life Sunday”, whereby issues may be addressed as we seek to keep one another informed and up to date. Each Christian is encouraged to take a Godly stand on the issues that will not only affect our lives today but will determine the course of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman



September 10, 1999

RE: 1999 Association Vacation Bible School Report

On March 13, 1999, leaders for the Association VBS clinic traveled to Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory for the State VBS Training Clinic under the direction of Janice Haywood. This clinic prepared these people to lead our Association VBS Clinic. Those attending were: Bill Goble (DOM), Debra Harrington, Carolyn Durmire, Brenda Siniard, Teresa Riddle (all from Hiddenite Baptist Church), and Teresa Bumgarner and Dana Allen (Sulfur Springs Baptist Church, Rocky Face Association).

In late March, an Early Bird Clinic was held at Hiddenite Baptist Church. All the curriculum for the 1999 VBS was displayed along with extra items to make the series "Mt. Extreme" a success. The purpose of this clinic was to introduce pastors and VBS directors to the material so that they could arrange for their teachers to have materials in hand when they attend the Association VBS Clinic. Only five people attended. Light refreshments were served.

The Association VBS Clinic was held on May 2, 1999 at Mr. Herman Baptist Church. Many "Thanks" to the members they're for allowing us to use their facility. Classes were available for each age group including adults. Some suggested crafts were displayed and attendees were treated to "Bird's Nests", "Dirt Pudding", and other goodies that supported the theme during refreshment time. Total cost for this clinic was \$303.40. However, many leaders purchased materials for the clinic that they planned to use in their local VBS and did not seek reimbursement from the Association. Total attendance for the clinic was 47 including the conference leaders.

We live in a changing world and the State VBS office has made a drastic change in the help we as an association can receive from them. State VBS Clinics will no longer be offered throughout the state. The reason for this change is the steady decline in attendance and response. This leaves the Association two options to choose from for the 2000 VBS. They are as follows:

Option 1

The state office will continue to produce outlines for each age-related conference. The Association would receive these written guidelines and the leaders of our Association VBS Clinic would be on their own to prepare and teach this conference. The cost of this option would remain approximately the same as we have invested in years past. However, leaders may find it necessary to purchase some additional materials, which we normally would have available at the State Clin9c.

Option 2

The state will have a team of leaders prepared as they have had in the past for the State Clinics. These conference leaders will be available to teach the Association VBS Clinic eliminating the need for local teachers. The suggested honorarium from the state office for this option is \$75.00 per leader. It would be the Association's decision as to the number of leaders needed. Based on the conferences provided in our Association VBS Clinic in past years, approximately 10 individuals would be required. It would be possible to combine some age groups and present a very satisfactory clinic with 6 individuals. The State VBS office would send in people who are closest to us geographically so that they could be able to travel to Taylorsville, conduct the clinic, and return home in one day. If this is not feasible, then the association would be responsible for their expenses: lodging, gas, etc.

Having served as your VBS director for two years, I have learned from those I could finally get to agree to teach that they could not have done it without the State Training Clinic. In choosing Option 1, I know that it would be an extremely difficult task to persuade teachers to fill the positions.

Option 2 would be more costly while eliminating the headache of enlisting workers, decorating a facility, gathering materials (including the VBS Circular).

Attendance at the Association VBS Clinic has improved somewhat in the past two years; however, I feel that we must take a hard look at these options. Many of the classes at the clinic had only a handful of attendees. This is very discouraging to the leaders when this occurs year after year. In comparing the cost to the attendance, is the clinic productive?

The State office offers the suggestion that we combine our resources with a surrounding association to share the costs of bringing in the states leaders. The Rocky Face Association has eliminated the VBS Clinic all together mainly because they could find teachers for it. This Association may be willing to join with us.

As director, I would recommend arranging for the State VBS Team to conduct our clinic. To remain a strong, Christian influence in a changing world, we must not let this ministry die. Change-yes, but not die.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Harrington

Debra Harrington
VBS Director





Discipleship Training

DISCIPLESHIP !!

What many people ask is **"Discipleship?"** Discipleship is a Lifelong Journey of Obedience to Christ which transforms a person's values and behavior. The result is ministry in ones home, church and the world. Discipleship is not a program, but a lifelong process. If churches are to remain healthy, discipleship must be a priority.

Hopefully with the purchase of leadership materials (resources) for our Association this past year, we are on our way to reproducing disciples. We have material for all ages - children, youth and adults.

There were three participants in our Associational Fall Leadership Training on August 26. There were ten participants in our Associational Bible Drill, nine of those went on to become State winners.

If we can assist you in any way, please feel free to let us know.

IN SERVICE TO JESUS,

Cathy Hartness
Wanda Payne
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Kathleen Teague
Bible Drill Director

MISSIONS REPORT "HIGHLIGHTS"

September 1998 - August 1999

Promoted the SBC and BSCNC Cooperative Program and Foreign, Home and State Missions Emphases and also the BBC-BSCNC calendared events and emphases.

In process of establishing a Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC) in our Association.

Re-established the Hispanic Missions Ministry with Pastor Faustino Banuelos as Home Bible Study Leader and Pastor of the Hispanic Mission in Granite Falls.

Started the Hmong Missions Ministry sponsored by the partnership of Hiddenite Baptist Church, our Association, and the N. C. Baptist State Convention with Mr. Toua Khang from Statesville as our spiritual leader. Mission meets semi-weekly at Hiddenite Church with volunteer helpers from churches across the association.

Established the Alexander Singing Seniors under the direction of Shelia and Robert Austin from Antioch Church. Held a very successful Senior Adult Rally in November.

Called Bill Goble as Director of Missions in lieu of "Interim" DOM.

Promoted Greg Laurie "Harvest Crusade" in Hickory.

Built new 900 sq. ft. addition to our office, known as the **"Alexander Baptist Association Resource Center"** - for use by the churches.

Conducted Key Leadership Conference for many of our church leaders.

Gathered approximately 60 large boxes for Flood Relief for Honduras and mailed them.

Started a computer class at Alexander Central High School on Saturdays for pastors and church secretaries.

Conducted "True Love Waits" Rally and Emphasis- about 600 teenagers signed Commitment Cards .

Approved new Constitution and restructuring of association.

Conducted Missions Blitz. Conducted Operation Christmas Spirit "Toy Store" which reached about 160 families. **Conducted National Day of Prayer.**

Provided "Mapping Center for Evangelism" for use by churches to reach their communities for Christ.

Approved a county-wide crusade - Alexander Crusade 2000 - September 24-29, 2000.

Planned "OMC" (On Mission Celebration) Revival in churches for March 26-29, 2000.

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1, 1998 - August 31, 1999**

Savings as of August 31, 1999.....	\$ 2,566.30
Money Market Account.....	33,330.73
Balance on Hand September 1, 1998.....	19,752.85
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	63,060.36
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>16,017.18</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 98,830.39
Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 64,357.01
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>704.14</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 65,061.15

BALANCE ON HAND August 31, 1999.....\$ 33,769.24

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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....\$ 6,105.56	Millersville.....\$ 2,025.00
Bethlehem.....2,666.67	Mt. Herman.....4,861.16
Beulah.....200.00	Mt. Olive.....1,116.75
Calvary.....-0-	Mountain Ridge.....559.96
East Taylorsville.....9,340.00	Pilgrim.....1,436.00
Hiddenite.....2,520.00	Pleasant Hill.....3,000.00
Lebanon.....2,029.41	Smyrna.....3,782.44
Linney's Grove.....1,450.00	Stony Point.....6,046.00
Little River.....5,062.18	Taylorsville First....3,309.23
Macedonia.....1,750.00	Three Forks..... <u>6,000.00</u>
	\$ 63,060.36

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt CCM Dir.....	\$ 1,266.70
BSCNC Coop Agt Hispanic Ministry Support.....	1,400.00
BSCNC Literacy Missions.....	800.00
BSCNC Missions Blitz.....	2,000.00
BSCNC Toy Store.....	800.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,395.80
NC Sales Tax Refund.....	267.78
Special Contributions.....	835.00
Disaster Relief.....	17.50
WMU Offering, Women's Correctional Center, Raleigh.....	259.00
WMU School Supplies.....	50.00
WMU Continuing Christmas Cheer.....	422.00
BW World Day of Prayer Offering.....	223.00
Operation Christmas Spirit.....	1,538.42
Youth.....	850.00
Evangelism Workbooks.....	187.54
Worker's Compensation Refund.....	34.00
AT&T Refund.....	5.37
Hispanic Offering from Assoc.Churches/Assoc.Church Groups.....	900.00
Hmong Mission Ministry Offering.....	512.50
Children's Music Camp.....	210.00
Van Mileage.....	117.45
Miscellaneous.....	<u>75.12</u>
	\$ 16,017.18

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Hispanic Ministry.....	\$ 1,211.75
Mileage.....	361.77
CCM Director.....	628.79
CCM Appreciation Gift.....	200.00
CCM Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
Assoc.Secretary/Treasurer Salary and Taxes.....	12,909.76
Secretary Insurance.....	2,606.78
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,260.48
DOM: Salary.....	7,368.00
Utilities/Housing.....	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	1,734.70
Travel.....	995.34
Christmas Bonus.....	400.00
Conventions.....	296.11

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 2,801.46
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	6,110.82
General Supplies (office expense).....	1,596.48
Postage and Box Rental.....	1,872.21
Repairs and Maintenance.....	672.71
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers'Comp.).....	1,065.56
Miscellaneous.....	230.11
General Conferences and Seminars.....	343.71
Media Center.....	2,566.79

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 100.00
Brotherhood.....	17.50
Evangelism.....	814.40
Key Leadership.....	410.32
Missions Development.....	4,632.96
Music.....	458.52
Stewardship.....	60.61
Sunday School.....	162.75
Senior Adults.....	743.60
VBS.....	304.31
WMU.....	1,663.52
Youth.....	1,197.87
Proposed Construction.....	189.00
Transportation (Van- ins/tag/maintenance/gas).....	879.56
	<u>\$ 64,357.01</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BW World Day of Prayer.....	223.00
NC WMU Women's Correction Center, Raleigh.....	259.00
Diane Fox - WMU School Supplies.....	50.00
Continuing Christmas Cheer.....	172.14
	<u>\$ 704.14</u>

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEDIA LIBRARY
1999-2000 NEW RESOURCES

Mind of Christ - Leaders
Serving God - Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts
Thine is the Kingdom - Leader Kit
Aerobic Ministry - Start Up Kit
The Mormon Puzzle - Understanding & Witnessing to Latter Day Saints
Truths, Traditions and Trends
Building Strong Families - Leader Kit
Woman's Heart God's Dwelling Place
Meeting Needs, Sharing Christ
Connected, Committed & A Little Bit Crazy - Youth
Your Work Matters to God
Shaping the Next Generation - Leader
Sunday School for a New Century
Life Answers: Making Sense of Your World
Heaven Your Real Home- Leader Kit
Now that You're a Deacon
New Lottie Moon Story
Century to Celebrate - History of WMU
Annie Armstrong Dreamer in Action
Reach Up and Reach Out - Leader's Guide
Teamkid Here I Grow - Preschool Leaders
Teamkid God and Me - Preschool Leaders
Fresh Encounter - Leaders
Masterlife - Leader Kit
To Live is Christ - Leader Kit
A Heart Like His - Leader Kit
Making Lasting Impressions
The Winning Spirit - Sunday School Growth
Destination Principles - Leader Kit
Single Adult Ministry Solution
Outreach Teams That Win & Grow
Basic Church Stuff
Planning Youth Ministry, from Boot Up to Exit
Power to Change Lives - Power-Pack-Sunday School
Living Proof Evangelism Kit
Character Quest Volume 1 - Teacher
Revision Guidebook - Notebook

Up-to-Date Videos of: MANDATE, ON MISSION WITH GOD
Gateway Computer, Monitor, Color Printer & Scanner
Overhead Projector
Video Projector and Screen

EVANGELISM COUNCIL REPORT

The Evangelism Council is excited about the work which has been done in the year 1998-1999 and about plans which we are advancing for the year 1999-2000. In the past year this council has sought to help the churches of this association carry out the main task of the Body of Christ by sponsoring both training events and opportunities to apply that training for the winning of souls in our county. The council has worked with other committees and organizations in our association (Pastors and Staff Conference, Missions Development Committee), in the following capacities:

- * The Evangelism Council conducted **"Becoming a Contagious Christian"** a two-day Seminar - for all Christians - on March 12 and 13, 1999. (It had originally been scheduled for February 19 and 20 but had to be postponed due to snow.) The first session on Friday was held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Saturday's session was held from 8:00 AM with breakfast provided by the Association, and then class continued until 12 Noon. A workbook was purchased by all attendees. There were approximately 30 participants in this class, some from churches not in our association.
- * **Key Leadership Conference**, held on August 26, 1999 at East Taylorsville Church provided a F-A-I-T-H Evangelism Class at this Conference at the Second Session.
- * In the **Missions Blitz - "In Jesus' Name"** held by our Association on September 11, outreach was accomplished through our **"Prayer Walk 2000"** being our theme.
- * The Mapping Center for Evangelism is up and running and can be used at the Association Office. New software has been provided. On September 8 at our Ministers' Conference, a teaching session was provided for those pastors in attendance on how to use this evangelism tool and the many possibilities it provides for locating members and prospective members. Please contact me if I can help in any way. I will be glad to assist you.
- * This committee participated in other activities during the year, but these were the high points.

One major plan for the coming year is a County-Wide Crusade to be held September 2000.

We ask the continued prayers and support of the members of Alexander Baptist Association as we seek to enable our people to more effectively reach others in Alexander County and the world for Jesus.

Craig Hamlin, Evangelism Director

ACTeam (ASSOCIATIONAL CONSULTANT TEAM) (Sunday School)

The ACTeam of Alexander Baptist Association held Two Sessions at the August 26, 1999 Key Leadership Conference which was held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. The Sunday School theme this year was: **"Sunday School for a New Century"**. (Craig Hamlin taught the Evangelism Conference this year.)

There was a total of approximately thirty folks attending these Sunday School Conferences and the leaders were as follows:

Rev. Jeff Bowden	-	Directors
Rev. Al Childress	-	Adults
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	-	Youth
Mrs. Loretta Robinson	-	Children
Mrs. Donna Millsaps	-	Preschool

Attendance was low at this year's conference due to a serious thunderstorm that came up suddenly close to the time the conference sandwich supper was to start. The teachers were prepared, however, and some were disappointed at the light turnout.

The sandwich supper was prepared and served by Bobbi Glass and her daughter, Rebecca Glass-Nunnaley for those able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass, for Craig Hamlin
ACTeam Director
ASSOCIATIONAL CONSULTANT TEAM



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE
OF
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FOR

1999 - 2000

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Kenneth Kerley
Vice Moderator.....Keith Childers
Clerk.....Emilyn Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer.....Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.....Robert Austin
Director of Missions.....Bill Goble
Int.Church/Community Ministries Dir. Gary Jennings

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING COMMITTEES

HISTORY & DEDICATION OF MINUTES

Florrie Kerley, Chair
Emilyn Wagner
Lucy Echerd

TRUSTEES

Billy Millsaps
Ron Honeycutt, Chair
Gene Foy

CHURCH

Linney's Grove
Antioch
Stony Point

TERM EXPIRES

2000
2001
2002

PERSONNEL

Tony Fox
Aaron Spry
Mike Runion
Gary Jennings
Moderator (Ex-officio)

Macedonia
Hiddenite
Three Forks
East Taylorsville

2000
2001
2001
2002

CREDENTIALS

Chase White, Chair
Ed Nichols
Michael Barber

Beulah
Pilgrim
Smyrna

2000
2001
2002

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Edsel Mitchell
Bucky Foster, Chair
Brent Fox

Little River
First Baptist
Bethlehem

2000
2001
2002

VOLUNTEER SELECTION

Van Tarlton	East Taylorsville	2000
Diane Fox	Millersville	2000
Cathy Hartness, Chair	Stony Point	2001
Blayne Hollar	Antioch	2001
Moderator		

CHURCHTERM EXPIRESBUDGET/FINANCE (Missions Funding Development)

Pete James	East Taylorsville	2000
Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2000
Mack Treadway	First Baptist	2001
Wayne Holland	Antioch	2001
Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	2002
Kip Mace	Three Forks	2002
Vice Moderator		
Moderator, Chair		

SPRING & ANNUAL SESSION PLANNING

Rose Kerley	Mt. Herman	2000
Lucy Echerd	First Baptist	2000
Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	2001
Joe McDuffie	Little River	2002
Host Pastors (Ex officio)		
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		

PLACE & PREACHER - 2000

Jeff Bowden, Chair	Bethlehem	2000
Roger Underwood	First Baptist	2000

ORDINATION EXAMINING

Phil Jolly	Little River	2000
Ed Nichols	Pilgrim	2000
Dewey Austin	Antioch	2001
William Wease, Chair	Linney's Grove	2001

RESOLUTIONS

Mark Odom, Chair	Hiddenite	2002
Betty Lovette	Mt. Herman	2000
Shirley Lail	Antioch	2001

VAN TRANSPORTATION

Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	2000
Billy Pennell	Stony Point	2000

MISSIONS PERFORMANCE TEAMS AND CONSULTANTS

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon
William Wease	Linney's Grove
Dale Costner	Pleasant Hill
Ruelene Deal	Millersville
Tony Fox	Macedonia
Sandra Lowrance	Little River

TEAMS (Councils)

WMU Team (Consultants)

Cathy Hartness	Co-Director	Stony Point
Diane Fox	Co-Director	Millersville
Laura Sprinkle	Co-Director	Three Forks
Women on Mission (WOM)	Pat Heinefield	Bethlehem
	Debbie Little	Bethlehem
Mission Friends and Acteens	Consult Co-Directors for Assistance	
Girls in Action (GA)	Trudy Perry	Millersville
	Karen Loudermelk, Asst.	Millersville

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM (ACTeam)

Interim Director	Craig Hamlin	E. Taylorsville
Adult Consultant	Al Childress	Mt. Hebron
Youth Consultant	Shirley Lackey	Stony Point
Children's Consultant	Loretta Robinson	Pleasant Hill
Pre-School Consultant	Donna Millsaps	Linney's Grove
VBS Director	Debra Harrington	Hiddenite
Outreach/Evang.Cons.	Craig Hamlin	E. Taylorsville

MUSIC TEAM

Director	Shelia Austin	Antioch
Shirley Lackey		Stony Point
Amy Dagenhart		Pleasant Hill
Chip Holden		E. Taylorsville

EVANGELISM CONSULTANT - Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville

BAPTIST MEN MINISTRIES TEAM

Director/Consultant	Bob Brewington	Mt. Herman
Asst.Dir./Consultant	Noah Lail	Bethlehem
RA Director/Cons.	_____	Three Forks

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING TEAM

Co-Supporter	Cathy Hartness	Stony Point
Co-Supporter	Wanda Payne	Three Forks
Bible Drill Leader	Kathleen Teague	Antioch

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Team Leader	Ashley Evans	Bethlehem
	Mitch King	Stony Point
	Tammy Condrey	First Baptist
	Jamie Steele	Three Forks
	Marvin Yarborough	E.Taylorsville

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Director	David Giffin	Taylorsvl First
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STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANT

Director	Open	
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MEDIA LIBRARY CONSULTANT

Director	Kay White	Three Forks
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DEACON CONSULTANT

Director	Blayne Hollar	Antioch
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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONSULTANT

Director	Rick Jordan	Antioch
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HISPANIC MISSION MINISTRIES

Chair	Sammy Davis	First Baptist
	Clifford Ferguson	Three Forks
	Randy Frantz	E. Taylorsville
	Scott Ferguson	Millersville
	Roberta Goble	Mt. Herman
	Roger Underwood	First Baptist
	Moderator	

SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR - _____

General Board, BSCNC	Dr. Rick Jordan	Antioch
(Nominated and Elected by NC Baptist State Convention)		

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Leader..CCM Director.....
Baptist Men/Survey Leader/State Missions Consultant -
.....Bob Brewington.....Mt. Herman
WMU & NAMB Consultant.....Diane Fox.....Millersville
Promotion/IMB Consultant.....Cathy Hartness.....Stony Point
Moderator.....ex officio.....

NEW COMMITTEES & TEAMS

Associational "On Mission Celebration" (Revival) March 26-29, 2000

Team Coordinator - Bill Goble (DOM)
Co-Team Coordinator - Kenneth Kerley

Special Events Coordinator
Diane Fox, Millersville

Promotion Coordinator
Sandra Ellis, Stony Point

Spiritual Preparation Coordinator - Armin Chapman, E Taylorsville

Financial Coordinator - Joe McDuffie, Little River

Program Personnel Arrangement Coordinators - Lena Campbell
Cathy Hartness, and Mitch King (this includes transportation and hospitality).

Secretary/Treasurer - Bobbi Glass, Taylorsville First

Hmong Missions Ministries

Mark Odom, Chair	Hiddenite
Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite
Scott Ferguson	Millersville
Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem
Shelia Austin	Antioch
Moderator	

Senior Adult Chorus Team

Shelia and Robert Austin Antioch

Respectfully submitted,

VOLUNTEER SELECTION COMMITTEE 1998-1999
Cathy Hartness, Chair
Diane Fox
Van Tarlton
Blayne Hollar
Director of Missions - Ex Officio
Moderator & Vice Moderator - Ex Officio

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

On Thursday, March 18, 1999 the Alexander Associational Stewardship Conference was held at Harry Gant Steakhouse in Taylorsville. We were privileged to have Dr. John Roberson from the Baptist State Convention in Cary to lead our Annual Conference. Dr. Roberson is the newly selected and elected Executive Leader of the Resource Development and Promotion Group of our Baptist State Convention. This conference was attended by a number of representatives from several of our churches.

He gave an interesting presentation on the newly developed product of LifeWay Resources which was written by Larry Burkette, a Christian Financial Counselor, who has a daily one-half hour radio program on WMIT 106.9 FM.

We ask for your prayers in the area of Stewardship, and as we look ahead we would appreciate hearing from you as to your concerns and needs in Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR



Associational WMU Report
1998-1999

"Transformed", was the WMU theme for the year. WMU leadership training was held August 27th at Antioch Church. Churches prayed for and supported the North Carolina State offering in September.

World Hunger Day was observed in October. Baptist Women's World Day of prayer was held at Millersville on Monday November 2nd. Other seasons of prayer & offerings that were observed in November were for the Baptist Childrens Homes and Thanksgiving offering.

Week of prayer for International Missions, Mission studies and Lottie Moon Christmas offering in November and December.

January 16th "Continuing Christmas Cheer" was held at Bethlehem Church. A hands on craft missions project, crafts were made for local agencies, Hospice, Health Dept. Foster Homes, Nursing Homes etc. A catered luncheon was enjoyed by all.

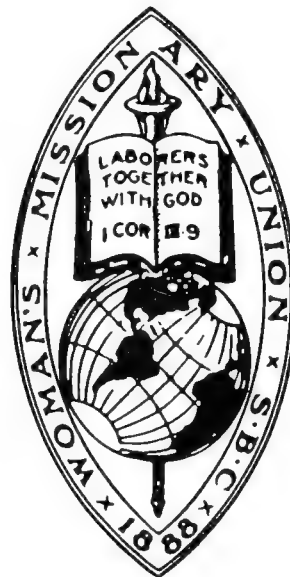
February was Focus on WMU. Week of prayer and North American Mission studies and Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings were observed in February and March.

The WMU Spring meeting was held at Taylorsville First with a covered dish supper. Mary Ashe was guest speaker, she told us what Christian Women's Job Corps is doing in North Carolina. The new WMU leadership team was installed.

Money was collected for the Christian Crisis Center for school supplies. in August. Money was sent in November to Raleigh Correctional Center for Christmas gifts for the women inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

Dat Heinefield
WMU Director 1998-1999



Alexander Baptist Youth Ministry



The Association's Youth Team met throughout the year and planned events for our church's youth to have fellowship and worship together. One incredible opportunity to change the lives of our youth is called **"TRUE LOVE WAITS"** - a nationwide campaign to encourage youth to commit to sexual purity. It began in 1993 by the Baptist Sunday School Board and has since been adopted by dozens of national student organizations as well as Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family". Over the past six years, True Love Waits has made an impact on the numbers of ten pregnancies and abortions and has changed the lives of countless students.

A True Love Waits Rally was held at East Taylorsville Baptist church on January 30 at 7:00 PM to get the kids and adults excited and to encourage them to stand up for what they believe in the area of sexual purity. We put together a five-day devotional for each youth family to be used the week of February 8-12 which focused on what God says about true love. This was a great tool in encouraging youth as they pray about making this commitment and encourage their friends to do the same. Then, on February 12 the Association joined with other Associations across the nation and around the world to challenge our youth to be part of the True Love Waits by signing commitment cards that declare their commitment to honor God with their bodies. On this date, our youth displayed their "commitment" cards they signed at ACHS, East Jr. High and West Jr. High. The school officials had been contacted prior to this date and supported this action. We felt this campaign was a huge success. Several of the youth gave meaningful testimonies at the Spring Association Meeting at Little River Church. **To God Be The Glory!**

At Key Leadership Conference held on August 26 at East Taylorsville Baptist Church, our Youth Conference emphasized discovering its purpose for our Youth Ministry, and the five biblical purposes of Youth Ministry.

Missions Blitz "In Jesus Name" on August 26, our team's mission was Backyard Bible Clubs which were taught by Rev. Marvin Yarborough. There was a good turnout for this mission and many children and adults enjoyed the puppet ministry.

One other emphasis county wide was the **SYATP - "See You at the Pole"** on **September 15, at 7:00 AM** at the schools - that took a lot of commitment! This was a student-led time of prayer for friends, teachers, school and community.

We are excited about the **"Harvest Crusade"** with **Greg Laurie** which will be held on **October 1 - 3** at the **L. P. Franz Stadium** in Hickory.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ashley Evans, Associational Youth Team Member

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1999 - 2000**

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

	<u>1999-00</u>
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer	13,897.00
Secretary Insurance	2,607.00
Secretary Conference	150.00
Christmas Bonus	150.00
FICA Taxes	1,064.00
Director of Missions: Salary	7,668.00
Utilities/Housing	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital)	1,896.00
Ministry Expense	400.00
Travel	1,100.00
Christmas Bonus	400.00
Conventions	<u>1,200.00</u>
Subtotal:	35,332.00

OPERATION EXPENSE

Utilities	3,500.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	2,500.00
General Supplies (Office Expenses)	1,800.00
Postage & Box Rental	2,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	750.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Worker's Comp., etc.)	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	225.00
General Conferences & Seminars	350.00
Media Center	<u>2,250.00</u>
Subtotal:	14,575.00

MINISTRY EXPENSE

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.)	400.00
Brotherhood	200.00
Christian Life	150.00
Deaconship	150.00
Discipleship Training	200.00
Evangelism	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	2,400.00
Hmong Ministry	2,400.00
Key Leadership	500.00
Missions Development - Toy Store/Missions Blitz	4,000.00
Music - Seniors and Children	1,200.00
Pastoral Ministries	300.00
Senior Adults	700.00
Stewardship	200.00
Sunday School (Bible Teaching-Reaching)	1,500.00
Vacation Bible School	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	2,000.00
Youth	1,400.00
Construction	20,000.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	<u>700.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$ 41,400.00

TOTAL: \$ 91,307.00

Council on Christian Higher Education

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

1999

Campbell • Chowan • Gardner-Webb • Mars Hill • Wingate
www.campbell.edu www.chowan.edu www.gardner-webb.edu www.mhc.edu www.wingate.edu

Fraternal Institutions: Meredith • Wake Forest
www.meredith.edu www.wfu.edu

“N.C. Baptists have been involved in Christian higher education literally since the day the Baptist State Convention (BSC) was born,” wrote Dr. Jim Royston, Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for *The Biblical Recorder*.

Dr. Royston’s correct. North Carolina Baptists have placed a high priority upon Christian higher education through the years. As a result, a large number of our pastors, staff ministers, and lay-leaders have been educated by one of our Baptist institutions, helping our churches develop as places where the Gospel is treasured and Christ is honored.

Maintaining close ties to our churches and associations is important to our institutions. This is one of the primary missions of the Council on Christian Higher Education. Founded in 1944, the Council seeks to foster good communications between our churches, associations, and institutions of higher education

Divinity schools and centers for congregational growth serve as positive demonstrations of our institutions’ desire to enhance the life in our churches and associations. Current and future leaders are being trained through these facilities.

According to the Executive Director of the Council on Christian Higher Education, Dr. Wayne D. Wike, “North Carolina Baptists are fortunate to have administrators and faculty members who are committed to enriching the life of our Convention.”

Gifts to the Cooperative Program assist in helping our institutions fulfill their missions. Members from cooperating churches are eligible, as a result, to be considered for scholarships to attend one of our colleges or universities. In addition, North Carolina Baptists who meet the admission requirements for the divinity schools at Campbell and Gardner-Webb Universities are eligible to receive \$8,100 grants toward their theological education. Students who choose to attend another divinity school are eligible to receive \$3,000 toward their educational expenses. All of these are made possible as a result of gifts presented to the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

As Dr. Royston wrote, “Baptist colleges are still a priority of our state Convention. It is my hope and dream that more and more students from our churches will attend our schools, and graduate as leaders for our state and nation, as well as for our churches.”

Our colleges and universities share Dr. Royston’s hope and dream. They, too, believe graduates from our campuses will make a difference in our state, nation, and Convention.

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Report to 1999 the Associations



HOSPITAL CARRIES THE TRADITION

In May of 1999, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated celebrated 76 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the Hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the Hospital was birthed, the Convention stated the reason for doing so was: *to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ*. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1998 the MDO amounted to \$530,874. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over \$200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

During the year, the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, as well as services in the J. Paul Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. Seventy-five students graduated from the Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program. Maurice Briggs retired from the Department in February after 30 years of service. He was known throughout the Hospital for his pastoral presence and the depth of his sensitivity and care.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling/CareNet, Inc. continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas from Franklin to Wilmington. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of Christian counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership Development. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training.

FACTS ABOUT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

- With more than 11,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city. We are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.
- The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has opened *BestHealth*, a community health information center, at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. The center will provide a library of books, audio and videotapes, limited Internet access, computer software and a variety of on-site programs to help area residents become better informed about their health and how to remain well.
- Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

Gamma Knife – The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated will have the only one in the state by this fall. Patients with inoperable or inaccessible brain lesions benefit from the availability of this noninvasive procedure that gives the same results as surgery but with no need to open the skull or make an incision. This procedure has been found to be three times more effective in treating recurrent cancerous brain tumors than other radiosurgical tools. The Gamma Knife uses radiation to destroy tumors, vascular malformations and other benign brain lesions with pinpoint accuracy without destroying healthy, normal tissue.

Trauma Center – The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

NASCAR – The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is working with Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) to serve the fitness and rehabilitation needs of NASCAR Winston Cup Racing. A mobile fitness and rehabilitation unit is being provided for NASCAR Winston Cup Racing drivers, crews and families.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best – The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is among the nation's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1999 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. These 10 areas are: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, geriatrics, gynecology, neurology/neurosurgery, orthopaedics, otolaryngology, rheumatology, digestive tract, and urology.

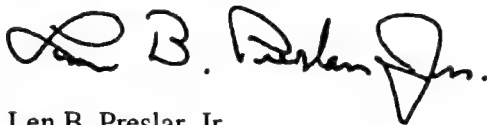
Newest Treatment for Epilepsy – Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

Information and Appointments – For more information and to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH ON-CALL® at 1-800-446-2255.

A CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the beginning in 1923, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated has dared to reach and grasp that which others thought was impossible. For many years we have been thought of as a referral hospital where we received the most severe medical cases. Over the years we have become one of the leading research centers in the Southeastern United States. Each role compliments the other. It is a great challenge to innovatively treat these extremely difficult cases and heartwarming to see our compassionate physicians and staff assist in the healing process. People have learned through the years to expect from us the very best in health care. We are committed to make sure that their highest expectations are always met or exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.

President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

1998-1999 Annual Report

North Carolina Baptist State Convention

In keeping with its mission of providing a supportive atmosphere where faith, knowledge and service are the cornerstones of a Christian higher education, Wingate University gave significant attention to conversation and collaboration on faith issues this year.

Wingate hosted the first annual Faith Doing Justice Conference -- a Protestant-Catholic dialog about social justice and its relation to personal faith. Headlined by evangelical, social activist Rev. Tony Campolo and Charlotte Catholic Diocese Bishop William Curlin, the event brought together more than two dozen community leaders as well as interested individuals from the Protestant and Catholic traditions.

Wingate was also the host site for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Baptist Student Unions in North Carolina. Wingate students joined their peers from around the state in service during their Spring Break. Some helped build a Habitat for Humanity home in Marshville, while others led vacation Bible clubs for youth in a nearby trailer park. Some chose to work with young Hispanic children in area elementary schools.

Wingate's annual Interpretation of Scripture Conference brought pastors and lay people from Lancaster, S.C., to Black Mountain, N.C., together to discuss the Book of Joshua. This conference helped prepare participants to teach the winter Bible study.

Another event well-attended by Baptist teachers, ministers and laity was Wingate's Panel Discussion on Evolution and Creation with Dr. Man Wah Tan, a geneticist from Harvard University, and Wingate professors Dr. Chris Dahm, Dr. Todd Lake and Dr. Jim Peterson.

G.A., R.A. and Youth Days were attended this year by hundreds of youth from six area associations. The day-long programs focused on missions and featured home and foreign missionaries as the major speakers.

Wingate students continued to be energized about outreach and involved in many meaningful service activities. Wingate Works and the University and Community Assistance Network were two organizations active in community service throughout the year. Group members helped build two Habitat homes for poor families, did yard work and home repairs for the elderly, and cleared trails at Union County's Cane Creek Park.

The Christian Student Union, Wingate's B.S.U., continued to be one of the largest organizations on campus with an ever-increasing attendance at weekly meetings. Small Bible study groups met weekly in the residence halls, providing students a venue for reflection on scripture, prayer and fellowship. Ten C.S.U. students spent two weeks in Honduras working with the Baptist Medical and Dental Mission in May. Sarah Anderson left for Honduras shortly after her graduation from Wingate. She has spent all but one of her Spring Break vacations in service to others as part of Wingate's C.S.U.

"It's neat to be in the mission field and telling people that Jesus loves them -- helping people who can't help themselves," she says. "You learn a lot about yourself too and your relationship with God."

During the year, students and faculty were enriched through a program of spiritual events which included lectures from prominent Christian leaders on significant academic, ethical and religious topics. Guests this year included Dr. Ben Witherington, author of thirteen books on Jesus and the New Testament; Sister Helen Prejean, social activist and author of *Dead Man*

Walking; Bruce Kuhn, Broadway actor who performed *Acts of the Apostles*; Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity; Dr. William Edgar, who spoke on the Christian roots of jazz; and Rev. Al Cadenhead Jr., pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Other events held on the Wingate campus affirmed the close ties between the University and the Baptist community. In Union County and surrounding areas, Wingate's cultural assets were a source of education and entertainment for both adults and children. Over 25,000 school children, teachers and parents attended cultural events on the University campus. More than a dozen Baptist organizations were among those in attendance.

A weekly television program on WUTV continued to strengthen the relationship between the University and area churches. Dr. Byrns Coleman hosted a program to prepare Sunday School teachers for their adult lessons. The program aired twice each week and frequently included local pastors and members of the Wingate faculty. Many members of the Wingate faculty, student development staff and adjunct instructors hold graduate degrees from Baptist seminaries. These members of the Wingate family are frequently called upon as resources for area churches.

Additionally, Wingate continued to provide direct financial benefits for its Baptist members. Partners in Education is a matching grant program available to North Carolina students in cooperation with their local Baptist churches. Through this program, many Baptist youth received the financial assistance that made attendance at Wingate possible. Ministers employed full-time by a Baptist church were eligible for tuition-free undergraduate courses through the Coy Muckle Scholarship fund. Other benefits included special scholarships for church youth leaders, dependents of ministers and dependents of foreign missionaries.

Of great significance this year was Dr. Keithen Tucker's work to enhance relationships between Wingate and Baptist churches across the state. As director of church relations, he traveled throughout the state visiting Baptist churches not only to share the good news of the University but also to confirm Wingate's commitment to serving their needs and welcoming with open arms Baptist youth who seek a quality education in a value-centered, Christian environment.

Donald C. Taft, Chair, Board of Trustees
Jerry E. McGee, President

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
1999**

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

A. Christian Values

- It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Fourth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. CAL assisted in sponsoring a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home-schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.
- Continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 14,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.
- Held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on April 6, 1999. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.
- Promoted awareness of the worldwide persecution of Christians through faxes, emails and newsletter.

B. Gambling

Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. Four lottery bills were introduced this session. CAL monitors these efforts and updates the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have continued to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

C. Sex Education

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

D. Abortion

CAL monitored SB 349/HB 1066 (Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion), this legislation would have made this type of abortion a class felony for anyone who performed the late-term procedure. This bill died in committee. Successfully encouraged legislators to limit the State Abortion Fund to cases resulting only from rape, incest and the life of the mother. In the last four years, only one abortion has occurred under these circumstances using tax-payer funds.

E. Alcohol

CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities in organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Informed citizens statewide about legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Four bills were introduced this session that would have permitted alcohol sales without a voter referendum; SB 17, SB 173, SB 606, SB 607 and HB 1043. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

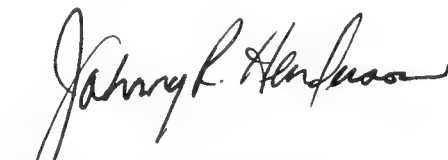
F. Pornography

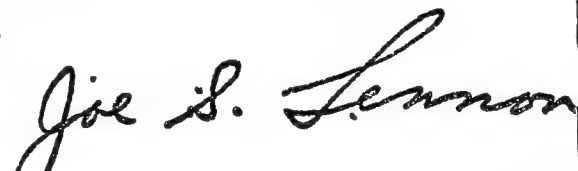
Worked against HB 1248 which would have allowed individuals to perform in the nude if it "occurs as part of a play, dance, performance or artistic creation that contains serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." The bill died in committee.

G. Homosexuality

CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. HB 884 and SB's 701, 884 and 759 were all introduced to promote the acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. CAL with other like-minded organizations fought these bills and they were defeated. Worked against HB 1398 (Needle Exchange Program) which would have allowed the state to furnish free needles to drug users using tax-payer dollars.

For A Better North Carolina,


Reverend Johnny R. Henderson
Executive Director


Joe S. Lennon
President

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

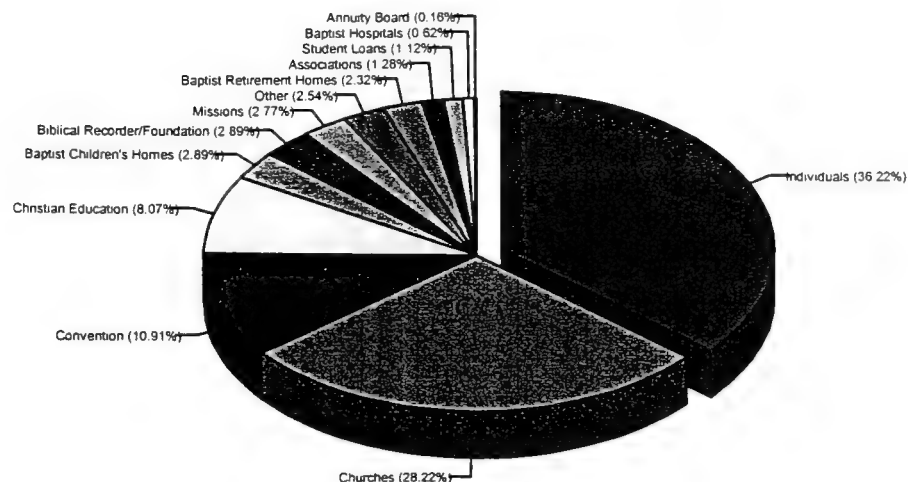
During 1998, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 11 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.4 million and received \$3.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 94 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Some \$639,000 from churches came under management to enhance numerous church ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. During the third quarter of 1998, the Foundation enhanced its position even more by engaging the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers in the country.

As of December 31, 1998, the Foundation held \$80,874,628 under management. This is an increase of more than \$8 million over 1997. During 1998, \$1,741,923 was distributed to individuals and \$2,772,599 to Baptist work for a total distribution of \$4,514,522. During the 79-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$14,217,160 has been distributed to individuals and \$22,305,008 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$36,522,168.

Robert Howard, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. 1998 Distributions



Baptist Children's Homes of NC 1999 Book of Reports

David S. Clay, *Trustee Chair*
Michael C. Blackwell, *President*

Three rocks beside her trailer house warned four-year-old Mamie not to tell anyone of the way her father was abusing her.

If she ever told, her father said, those stones would mark her grave and the graves of her two best friends.

"He had already killed my dog," says Mamie, now 16. "So I believed him."

When authorities discovered Mamie's abuse at the hands of her father, she was taken from him, and he was charged, but released on bond. He came to the house where Mamie was staying to kill the people in the house...and her. But he was subdued. She heard him through the wall threaten her death while she cowered inside.

Mamie's mother, who left the family when Mamie was six weeks old, attended her father's trial, but only "to see if Mamie looked like me." Mamie never saw her.

George and Linda Hogan, believing "every child deserves a childhood," took Mamie in and raised her as their own. They met her while delivering communion elements to her grandmother.

"It's been a struggle, but you do the best you can," said Linda, who suffers with diabetic ulcers. After her 71-year-old husband had a second heart attack, Mamie became too much for the couple to handle.

She lives now at Moody Home, a structured value change home for girls in Franklin, one of 13 facilities operated by Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Shredding the Safety Net

Mamie pressed the boundaries of love, and George and Linda weren't physically able to pull her back to safety.

"I tried to push the boundaries a little further and a little further, to see how far I could push before they snapped. Finally, they couldn't take it anymore," Mamie said.

Baptist Children's Homes serves families who "can't take it anymore," who have children or grandchildren whose behaviors are out of bounds.

In 1998-99 BCH served 1,646 children and their families through 13 facilities statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change

homes for girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping in Cameron; crisis cottages at the residential campuses and in Waynesville; and model day care in Thomasville.

Beginning with Easter 1999 and continuing through Thanksgiving 2000, BCH instituted a 20-month institutional emphasis of "Quality Service Through Quality Relationships." Michael C. Blackwell, president since 1983, is "committed to keeping our staff and our services fresh and vital to meet ever changing needs."

The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. The QSTQR operating theme will permeate every action, program and effort within the institution and without.

The word "quality" has been overused and under-realized, and it too often cloaks mediocrity with imagined value. There will be no such veneer at BCH.

Building and Renovating

BCH moved ahead its Odum Home campus in Pembroke to meet new challenges April 27, 1999 by dedicating two major campus renovations. Space for 10 boys was added to the old "main" building which was named Luther and Audrey Carter Hall, in honor of the donor couple who left their estate to BCH.

The former house used for a director's residence was renovated to serve five girls in transitional care and named for longtime trustee and supporters Abe and Jackie Elmore.

Total renovations increased capacity at Odum Home from 28 residents to 45. Additionally, 10 day students from Pembroke Middle School will be served at the Winifred Lindsay Education/Administrative Center. These students have issues to resolve that do not require them to be in residential care.

At Cameron Boys Camp May 4, two important staff lodges were dedicated: the A.J. Fletcher Lodge and the Hubert M. Craig Lodge. These lodges provide staff housing, a rare commodity in wilderness setting in which Cameron Boys Camp operates.

"North Carolina's largest family" is grateful to our North Carolina Baptist partners, as together, we help hurting children and heal broken families. To secure our new video about BCH, schedule a speaker or access services call (800) 476-3669.



Missions Ministry Informative Bulletin

A Ministry of Creative Access Networks

Bill Morgan, Director/Editor



INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD FACTS AND FIGURES

We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

	1998
Missionaries under appointment	4,581
Churches overseas:	46,833
Volunteers 1998:	18,989
New Churches:	4,223
Baptisms 1998:	333,034
Overseas membership 1998	4.4 million
Total People groups in The Last Frontier	2,161
Population of Last Frontier Peoples	1.7 billion
Countries served	127

Appointed in 1998	
Career/associates/apprentices	338
2-year ISC and Journeymen	<u>547</u>
Total appointed	885

LMCO receipts 1997	\$100,064,318
LMCO goal for 1998	\$110,000,000
LMCO goal for 1999	\$115,000,000

***Biblical Recorder* Associational Report**

July 1, 1999

The *Biblical Recorder* is the official news journal of North Carolina Baptists. The earliest version of the *Recorder* was founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, who had also been influential in the birth of the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The *Biblical Recorder* was owned and operated as a private enterprise in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

A number of able editors have served the *Biblical Recorder*, which is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers. The current editor is Tony W. Cartledge, whose tenure began on January 1, 1999.

The *Biblical Recorder* plays a strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists. On April 22, 1999, the Board of Directors of the *Biblical Recorder* adopted the following mission statement: ***"Our Mission is to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."***

The *Biblical Recorder* belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological, and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the *Recorder* work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark the thinking of North Carolina Baptists who want to make up their own minds about important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts, and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the *Recorder*.

To communicate more effectively and to present the most important news in a more timely fashion, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed a popular presence on the World Wide Web. The *Recorder's* website at <http://www.biblicalrecorder.org> offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features will be added to make the website an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The *Biblical Recorder* works in partnership with the Baptist State Convention, and receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Currently, the annual rates are:

- ◆ Church News Service (incorporates church newsletter into the *Recorder*) - \$6.36
- ◆ Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - \$7.42

- ◆ Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - \$8.48
- ◆ Individual Subscription - \$10.60

Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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*"Lord . . .you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."*

- Psalm 15:5-6

Because of your generosity, Psalm 15 can be the testimony of over 500 elderly saints who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Their lot is secure. They live in pleasant places. They have a delightful inheritance.

" . . .You have made my lot secure"

Through Cooperative Program gifts and special offerings, Baptist Retirement Homes is providing \$1.7 million in benevolent care for the elderly poor of North Carolina during 1999.

Additional benevolent funding will provide care at The Gardens at Taylor Glen, a new continuing care retirement community being built in the Concord/Cabarrus County area.

For the growing numbers of individuals and families facing life-changing decisions about care for their aging loved ones, Baptist Elder Care Network offers cost-free information from knowledgeable and caring resource counselors. Regardless of the aging-related issues families face, our statewide system of counselors can provide answers that are reliable and reassuring.

**Baptist Elder Care
Network**



1.800.887.7410

" . . .The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places."

In June, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville was completed. This new area is designed to meet the needs of the many older adults who experience memory-related conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease. At the Fowler unit, residents whose perception of reality may change noticeably from day to day find stability in a "home-like" environment. They function more confidently amid the familiarity of a traditionally furnished living room, kitchen, dining room, and bedroom, and they sense peace and serenity as they wander among the flowers, fountains and walking trails of the garden area.

Similar facilities will soon be available at Baptist Retirement Homes' Brookridge Community in Winston-Salem and at the Gardens at Taylor Glen Community in Concord.

" . . . Surely I have a delightful inheritance."

Being part of the Baptist Retirement Homes Family and resting comfortably in its care is a wonderful inheritance. Thank you for helping us make life for our elderly . . . The Best of Times!

Bill Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.



NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, SBC
NAMB

1998 Annual Report

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Its purpose is to cooperate with SBC churches, associations and state Baptist conventions to reach the United States and Canada for Jesus Christ. NAMB was created as part of the SBC restructuring on June 19, 1997 by combining the resources and ministries of three former agencies – the Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood Commission and the Radio and Television Commission. The new agency retains many of the assignments of its predecessors, but is intended to be more effective and efficient in assisting Southern Baptists in reaching North America for Christ.

Supporting Missionaries in North America

Nearly 5,000 North American missions personnel serve in the U.S., its territories and Canada. Their work is supported by more than 2,500 SBC-endorsed chaplains and 100,000 adult and student volunteers who make significant contributions in starting churches, evangelism and disaster relief. NAMB also produces mission education resources which help Southern Baptists learn about, support and be on-mission with their missionaries.

More than one-third of NAMB's financial support comes from the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions (AAEO) and 100% of the offering goes to support missionaries on the field. The 1997 offering was the largest ever received at more than \$41 million. The 1998 total is sure to exceed the goal of \$42 million so the 1999 goal has been raised to \$45 million with a challenge goal of \$50.

Also, crucial to NAMB's work is the \$34 million that comes from the SBC Cooperative Program which also funds six SBC seminaries, 4,000+ international missionaries, and other national agencies.

Two Major Thrusts: Evangelism and Church Planting

Last year, Southern Baptists baptized over 412,000 people, nearly 9% more than the previous year. However, an estimated 200 million people in the U.S. and Canada still do not know Jesus Christ as Savior. The agency provides assistance to churches, associations and state conventions in soul-winning training, interfaith witness, church and community ministry, including alternatives to abortion ministries, and special evangelistic events.

Southern Baptists have started nearly 1,500 new churches every year for several years, and did so again last year. That's more than any other faith group, yet we are still not even keeping pace with population growth. NAMB provides resources and strategies for establishing churches and missions among all ethnic and language groups in the United States and Canada.

Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. W. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Carter	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim.....	Grady Kerley.....	Robert Boggs.....	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville.....			
1976	Mt. Herman.....	Ray Shumate.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks.....			
1977	East Taylorsville.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch.....			
1978	Hiddenite.....	Richard Hicks.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville.....			
1979	Macedonia.....	D.L. Bumgarner.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon.....			
1980	Grace.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Beulah.....			
1981	Poplar Springs.....	Leroy Clack.....	Richard Hicks.....	Elline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill.....			
1982	Oxford Memorial.....	Gary Jennings.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Mt. Olive.....			
1983	Millersville.....	Robert Boggs.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Elline Lackey
	Little River.....			
1984	Antioch.....	Cecil Lovelace.....	James Pierce.....	Elline Lackey
	Three Forks.....			
1985	Bethlehem.....	James Pierce.....	James Pierce.....	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove.....			
1986	Smyrna.....	Ken Walters.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman.....			
	Stony Point.....			
1987	Macedonia.....	Keith Childers.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville.....			
	Oxford Memorial.....			
1988	Poplar Springs.....	Dwight Austin.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite.....			
	Grace.....			
1989	Millersville.....	Michael Blevins.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Mountain Ridge.....			
1990	Three Forks.....	Terry Ashe.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist.....			
	Mt. Olive.....			
1991	Lebanon.....	C. David Boan.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch.....			
	Pilgrim.....			
	Antioch.....			
1992	Little River.....	David Horton.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove.....			
	Bethlehem.....			
1993	Mt. Herman.....	Larry Blakley.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point.....			
	Smyrna.....			
1994	Grace.....	Michael Blevins.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia.....			
	East Taylorsville.....			
1995	Hiddenite.....	Larry Allen.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Millersville.....			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah
1999	Little River.....William Wease.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove
	Bethlehem

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MEMBER/CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING																					
Association				Alexander																					
State				North Carolina																					
Director of Associational Missions				Rev. William O Coble, Jr.																					
Address				P O Box 875		City		State		Zip		County													
CHURCHES				PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)		TOTAL MEMBERSHIP																			
Antioch	Dr. Richard W. Jordan	524 Antioch Church Rd.	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	610	535	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	13	5	1826	1998	A	250	0	0	Y	Y	N
Bethlehem	None			Alexander	970	820	22	0	3	6	5	2	0	6	28	30	1871		G	450	0	0	Y	N	Y
Beulah	Rev. Chae White	111 March Rd NE,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	271	196	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1916	1996	D	35	0	0	Y	N	Y
Calvary	Rev. Stephen Dagenhart	191 Airport Rd.	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	286	286	17	0	0	3	2	4	7	1	9	0	1948	1988	C	255	0	0	Y	N	Y
East Taylorville	Rev. Gary W. Jennings	P O Box 906,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	1370	1240	36	1	9	12	2	8	4	0	12	4	1924	1971	C	480	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Grace	Withdrew from Association																								
Hiddenite	None			Alexander	289	185	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1915		C	110	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Lebanon	Rev. Keith Childers	3663 Robnette Rd.	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	202	154	7	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1884	1985	A	160	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Linney's Grove	Rev. William Mease	158 Jennings Rd.	Statesville 28625	Alexander	210	193	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	1895	1991	A	100	0	0	N	Y	N
Little River	Rev. Jeff Chapman	310 Old Landfill Rd,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	361	354	13	0	2	3	0	3	5	0	5	13	1792	1997	A	173	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Macedonia	Rev. Thomas Lambert	63 Macedonia Church Rd,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	169	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1840	1985	A	80	0	0	N	N	N
Millersville	Rev. Bill Orren	347 Macedonia Church Rd,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	748	705	13	0	0	3	3	0	5	2	13	13	1923	1997	B	330	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Mountain Ridge	Rev. David Chapman	47 Poplar Valley Lane,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	111	111	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1956	1998	A	50	0	0	Y	Y	N
Mt. Herman	None			Alexander	261	195	5	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1912		A	135	0	0	N	Y	N
Mt. Olive	None			Alexander	89	73	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1865		A	45	0	0	N	N	N
Pilgrim	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney	630 Ramble Mitchell Rd.	Hiddenite 28636	Alexander	213	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1837	1991	A	105	0	0	N	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Darren Lambert	67 Pleasant Hill Church Rd,	Taylorville	Alexander	308	258	7	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1852	1997	A	145	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Smyrna	Rev. Michael Barber	22 Woodfield Dr.,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	262	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1923	1987	A	100	0	0	N	Y	N
Stony Point	None			Alexander	591	551	16	0	0	12	3	0	1	0	17	3	1909		C	200	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Taylorville First	Rev. Roger Underwood	P O Box 305,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	599	387	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	14	0	1851	1998	C	200	0	0			
Three Forks	Rev. Mike Runtion	28 Chapman Mill Rd,	Taylorville 28681	Alexander	662	495	26	0	2	3	7	9	4	1	2	0	1857	1998	A	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
TOTALS					8582	7290	182	2	24	48	33	35	36	4	132	68				3703	0	0			
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					8610	7225	134	1	21	23	30	23	33	3	193	101				3608	0	0			

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO				YEAR ENDING		8/31/99												
Association				Alexander		1998	(Month & Day)											
State				North Carolina														
Associational Sunday School Director				Rev. Craig Hamlin														
Address				24 Moser Circle	Taylorsville	NC	28681											
				City	State	Zip												
CHURCHES				SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES														
				(INCLUDE ZIP CODE)														
Antioch				Mr. Tanya Reid P O Box 1688, Hickory 28603	324	41	44	26	23	49	82	56	3	0	193	19	84	
Bethlehem				Mr. Gary Pierce 75 Greenfield Lane, Taylorsville 28681	679	40	96	80	33	62	170	191	7	0	346	35	253	
Beulah				Mr. Tommy Watson P O Box 814, Taylorsville 28681	36	1	6	4	0	2	7	16	0	0	36	3	59	
Calvary				Mr. Kevin Payne 2570 Coble Rd, Hiddendale 28636	222	36	47	25	8	19	35	52	0	0	183	10	175	
East Taylorsville				Mr. Matt Johnson P O Box 264, Taylorsville 28681	628	88	90	61	34	42	168	110	7	28	391	15	115	
Hiddendale				Mr. Thomas R Warren 68 Waugh Lane, Hiddendale 28636	146	16	23	17	5	16	31	35	3	0	99	16	155	
Lebanon				Mr. Terry W. Bumgarner 2340 Bumgarner Hollow Dr., Taylorsville	85	11	14	11	10	14	12	13	0	0	72	0	55	
Linney's Grove				Mr. Phil Millsaps 4304 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddendale 28636	97	18	9	10	6	11	25	16	2	0	77	0	88	
Little River				Mr. Michael Rogers 21 Mc. Olive Church Rd Ext, Moravian Falls 28654	176	11	21	24	11	16	44	42	7	0	128	4	99	
Macedonia				Mr. Ronnie Reese 89 Luther Stafford Ave., Taylorsville 28681	98	5	14	14	4	8	20	30	3	0	60	0	68	
Millersville				Mr. Darrel Pierce 240 Earl Icenhour Ln, Taylorsville 28681	333	53	53	37	7	58	70	55	0	0	219	12	280	
Mountain Ridge				None	26	0	1	3	2	4	10	5	1	0	25	0	55	
Mt. Herman				Mr. Bob Brewington 445 Lynell St NE, Taylorsville 28681	125	13	13	16	4	11	14	49	5	0	100	0	91	
Mt. Olive				Mr. Alan Deal 4273 NC Hwy 16 No., Taylorsville 28681	33	3	4	0	1	5	12	8	0	0	27	0	53	
Pilgrim				Mr. Rick Milligan 355 Milligan Mountain Rd, Hiddendale 28636	86	14	11	7	6	8	11	25	4	0	75	0	68	
Pleasant Hill				Mr. Bill Robinson 1050 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Taylorsville	118	11	16	15	12	17	22	24	1	0	104	7	97	
Smyrna				Mr. Tim Cheving 6718 Hwy 16 So, Taylorsville 28681	78	17	15	11	0	10	11	8	6	0	62	0	82	
Stony Point				Mr. Bill Moody 4290 Taylorsville Rd, Statesville 28678	319	37	40	22	11	39	37	125	8	0	173	37	241	
Taylorsville First				Mr. Darvin L Bell 120 Third Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville 28681	252	35	25	16	0	48	50	76	2	0	129	10	255	
Three Forks				Mr. Barry Pennell 1414 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville 28681	445	65	35	53	23	34	125	103	7	0	244	0	139	
TOTALS					4306	515	577	452	200	473	956	1039	66	28	2743	168	2512	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					4417	517	592	478	230	564	856	993	137	50	2818	156	2291	

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION				8/31/99	YEAR ENDING 1999					
Association	Alexander				(Month & Day)					
State	North Carolina									
Associational Music Director	Mrs. Sheila Austin									
Address	City	State	Zip							
131 Ginger Creek Lane	Taylorsville	NC	28681							
CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTIONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)									
					TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT					
Antioch	Mrs. Sheila Austin 131 Ginger Creek Lane, Taylorsville 28681	103	20	21	20	30	12			
Bethlehem	Mrs. Linda Beach 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville 28681	90	0	40	0	50	0			
Beulah	Mr. Tommy Watson P O Box 814, Taylorsville 28681	25	0	0	1	21	3			
Calvary	Mr. Kurt Dyson 1643 St. Clair Rd, Taylorsville 28681	192	19	36	31	65	41			
East Taylorsville	Rev. Chip Holden P O Box 906, Taylorsville 28681	149	17	40	28	48	16			
Hiddenite	Mrs. Barbara B. Odom 404 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville 28681	50	0	7	20	16	7			
Lebanon	Mr. Richard Bunsger 215 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville	50	3	5	2	33	7			
Linney's Grove	Mr. Danny R. Millsaps 814 Vashet Rd, Hiddenite 28636	30	0	3	6	21	0			
Little River	Mr. David R. McClure 58 Fairgrounds Rd., Taylorsville 28681	142	7	21	22	71	21			
Macedonia	Mr. John Thomas 940 27th St NE #10, Conover 28613	37	5	8	9	15	0			
Millersville	Mr. Tom Seamon 125 Winter Haven, Taylorsville 28681	95	12	15	10	48	10			
Mountain Ridge	Rev. David Chapman 47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville 28681	25	0	1	3	21	0			
Mt. Herman	Mr. Louis Robinson 533 18th St SW, Hickory 28601	52	0	0	3	49	0			
Mt. Olive	Mr. Steve Childers 7972 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls 28654	17	0	0	0	17	0			
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville 28681	59	6	9	7	24	13			
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Amy Dagenhart 190 Jay Burke Rd, Taylorsville 28681	48	4	8	3	33	0			
Smvna	Mr. Barry Mullis 4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville 28681	66	4	20	12	30	0			
Stony Point	Mrs. Shirley Lackey 259 Harrie Bridge Rd, Stony Point 28678	109	9	30	11	47	12			
Taylorsville First	Mr. Ron Vannoy 205 Valley Rd, Hickory 28601	161	40	40	10	71	0			
Three Forks	Rev. William Mike Runtion 28 Chapman Mill Rd, Taylorsville 28681	170	25	18	22	63	42			
TOTALS				1,670	171	322	220	773	184	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS				1,653	141	294	210	745	263	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING		8/31/99	2000											
Association				Alexander		(Month & Day)												
State				North Carolina														
Associational Treasurer				Mrs. Bobbi Glass														
Address		P O Box 875		Taylorville		City	State	Zip										
						NC		28681										
CHURCHES				TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)														
Antioch				Mr. Wayne Holland	235 John Cline Rd., Taylorville 28681	244,076	41,337	4,914	290,327	13,987	5,910	2,371	6,099	9,560	988	5,133	2,211,750	0
Bethlehem				Mr. Zeb Bowman	3648 34th Ave Ct NE, Hickory 28601	513,552	132,069	0	645,621	50,911	3,000	2,369	5,037	8,899	900	7,200	2,350,004	54,116
Beulah				Mrs. Alene Keller	414 E. Main Ave., Taylorville 28681	36,207	1,258	0	37,465	300	200	400	158	200	0	0	570,000	0
Calvary				Mr. Dwight Warren	161 Airport Rd., Taylorville 28681	245,779	2,656	0	248,435	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,150	565,000	0
East Taylorville				Mrs. Christa Mike	P O Box 906, Taylorville 28681	431,028	23,549	1,600	456,177	13,875	9,340	5,654	5,235	12,139	15,059	22,245	2,768,958	0
Hiddenite				Mrs. Sandra T. Marlone	6957 Old Vashet Rd., Hiddenite 28636	100,615	20,802	0	121,417	1,567	2,310	0	848	1,308	266	1,752	1,000,000	206,296
Lebanon				Mrs. Mary Watts	2558 Little River Church Rd., Taylorville	134,477	10,329	178	144,984	14,863	2,525	1,127	1,305	1,239	7,000	5,124	957,000	0
Linney's Grove				Mrs. Linda Hayes	1979 Judd Smith Lane, Hiddenite 28636	47,371	19,564	2,031	68,966	1,250	1,800	200	600	1,000	0	828	515,000	0
Little River				Mrs. Esther White	3790 Robinette Rd., Taylorville 28681	164,865	60,740	358	225,963	17,401	5,062	581	577	5,136	0	9,065	465,000	0
Macedonia				Mr. Tony Fox	934 County Home Rd., Taylorville 28681	68,435	5,838	0	74,273	2,400	1,800	0	960	2,395	0	2,478	1,200,000	0
Millersville				Mrs. Brenda Hartness	46 Hark Rock Lane, Taylorville 28681	383,000	24,000	0	407,000	37,900	2,100	1,100	3,100	5,300	1,200	3,600	1,700,000	192,650
Mountain Ridge				Mrs. Geraldine Hatten	1266 Mountain Ridge Church Rd, Taylorville	303	36,821	0	37,124	520	0	0	231	310	0	0	310,000	0
Mt. Herman				Miss Wanda Holtzclaw	519 Wilkesboro Rd., Taylorville 28681	151,151	18,447	0	169,598	26,389	4,861	1,413	2,852	4,809	0	0	981,000	0
Mt. Olive				Mrs. Barbara Herman	1736 All Healings Springs Rd, Taylorville	38,500	2,255	0	40,755	275	0	200	805	919	0	1,315	310,000	0
Pilgrim				Mrs. Billie Carrigan	8401 Cheatham Ford Rd, Hiddenite 28636	57,696	20,647	0	78,343	0	1,400	0	490	1,923	650	0	700,000	0
Pleasant Hill				Mrs. Phyllis Teague	5097 NC Hwy 16 N, Taylorville 28681	0	0	0	0	12,570	3,000	1,477	2,158	3,620	3,813	17,494	0	0
Smryna				Mrs. Kathy Bowles	1494 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite 28636	106,741	824	3,233	110,798	14,877	3,500	211	362	876	3,032	4,368	900,000	600,000
Stony Point				Mr. Tom McNeely	421 Lindsey Farm Rd., Stony Point 28678	279,681	42,080	2,107	323,868	24,224	6,046	364	2,927	6,627	1,922	12,163	920,600	27,477
Taylorville River				Mr. Kenneth Patterson	980 Jay Burke Rd., Taylorville 28681	267,560	70,266	8,579	346,405	15,303	3,609	2,005	505	5,246	1,798	21,514	1,620,000	27,687
Three Forks				Mrs. Kim Unthank	71 Ret Stafford Lane, Taylorville 28681	390,186	144,231	6,524	540,941	27,500	6,500	5,500	6,727	8,228	20,000	43,500	1,800,000	0
TOTALS						3,661,223	677,713	29,524	4,368,460	276,112	62,963	24,972	40,976	79,734	56,628	167,929	21,844,308	1,508,246
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS						3,684,867	594,203	40,696	4,319,766	276,667	60,183	26,234	38,417	79,210	53,574	176,100	21,055,662	1,178,231

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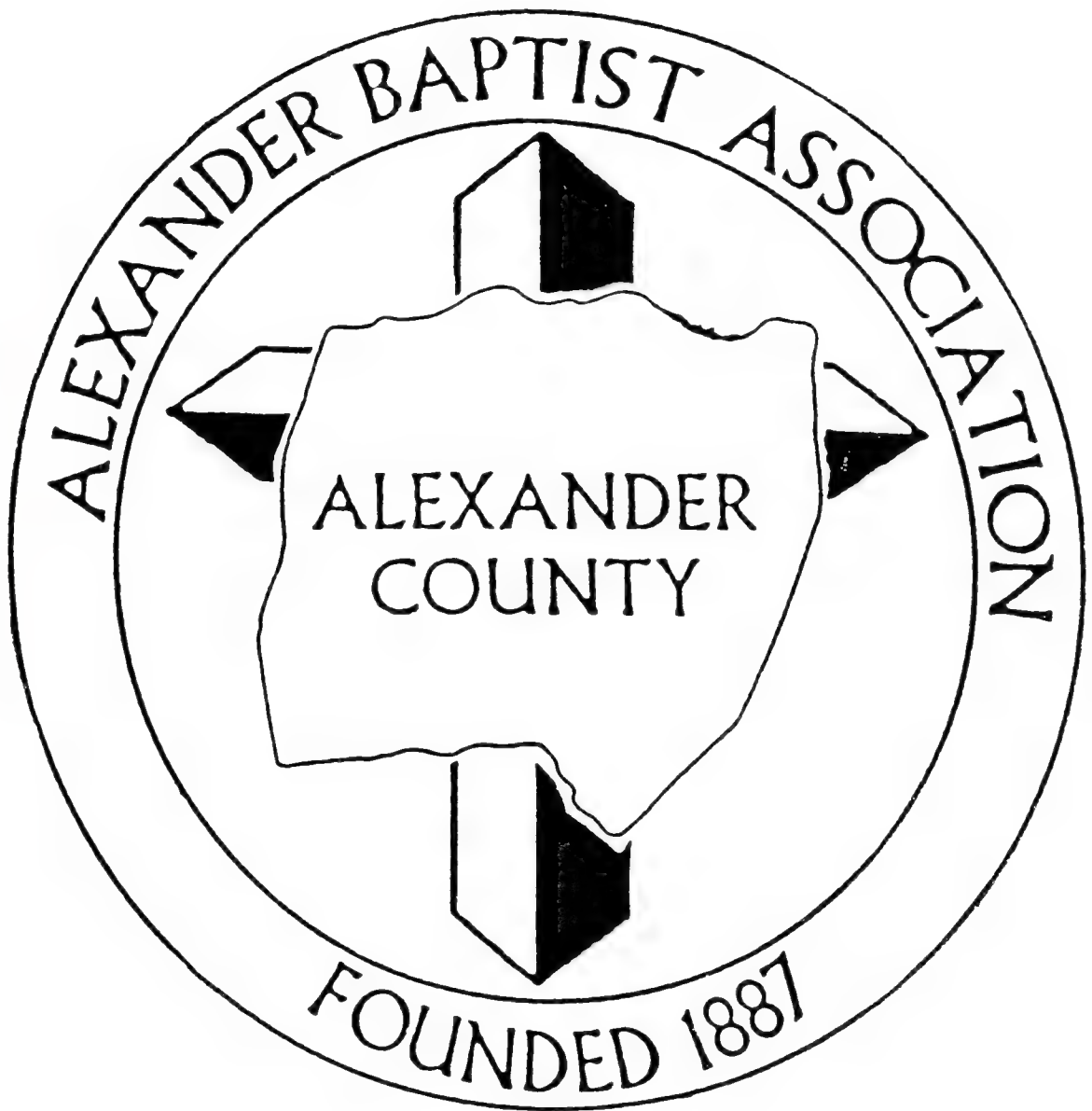
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		Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Congregational Debt
Antioch	Alexander	610	5	13	324	193	84	111	103	169	101	490,327	44,048	13,987	5,910	2,211,950	0
Bethlehem	Alexander	970	22	28	679	346	253	222	90	103	85	645,621	78,316	50,911	3,000	2,350,000	454,116
Beulah	Alexander	271	2	2	36	36	54	0	25	9	0	37,465	1,258	300	200	570,000	0
Calvary	Alexander	286	17	9	222	183	175	0	192	0	0	248,435	10,150	0	0	565,000	0
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1,370	36	12	628	391	115	338	149	103	90	456,177	61,302	13,875	9,340	2,768,958	0
Hiddenite	Alexander	289	2	0	146	99	155	45	50	28	44	121,417	8,051	1,567	2,310	1,000,000	206,296
Lebanon	Alexander	202	7	0	85	72	55	0	50	0	0	144,984	38,183	14,863	2,525	957,000	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander	210	4	6	97	77	88	0	30	0	0	68,966	5,678	1,250	1,800	515,000	0
Little River	Alexander	361	13	5	176	128	99	58	142	27	0	225,963	37,822	17,401	5,062	465,000	0
Macedonia	Alexander	169	0	2	98	60	68	0	37	14	0	74,273	10,033	2,400	1,800	1,200,000	0
Millersville	Alexander	748	13	13	333	219	280	0	95	102	67	407,000	54,300	37,900	2,100	1,700,000	192,650
Mountain Ridge	Alexander	111	2	3	26	25	55	0	25	0	0	37,124	541	520	0	310,000	0
Mt. Herman	Alexander	261	5	0	125	100	91	11	52	46	14	169,598	40,324	26,389	4,861	981,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander	89	1	0	33	27	53	0	17	7	8	60,755	3,514	275	0	310,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander	213	0	2	86	75	68	0	59	11	0	78,343	4,063	0	1,400	700,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	308	7	4	118	104	97	0	48	12	0	0	44,132	12,570	3,000	0	0
Smyrna	Alexander	262	0	0	78	62	82	0	66	15	0	110,798	27,226	14,877	3,500	900,000	600,000
Stony Point	Alexander	591	16	17	319	173	241	95	109	68	59	323,868	54,275	24,224	6,046	920,600	27,477
Taylorsville, First	Alexander	599	4	14	252	129	255	36	161	56	10	346,505	396,385	15,303	3,609	1,620,000	27,687
Three Forks	Alexander	662	26	2	415	244	139	196	170	102	98	540,941	117,955	27,500	6,500	1,800,000	0
TOTALS		8,582	182	132	4,276	2743	2,507	1,112	1670	872	576	4,588,560	1,037,556	276,112	62,963	21,844,508	1,508,226
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,610	134	193	4,417	2818	2,291	1,492	1653	905	522	4,341,861	710,475	276,667	60,781	21,019,669	744,491

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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... *ON MISSION*



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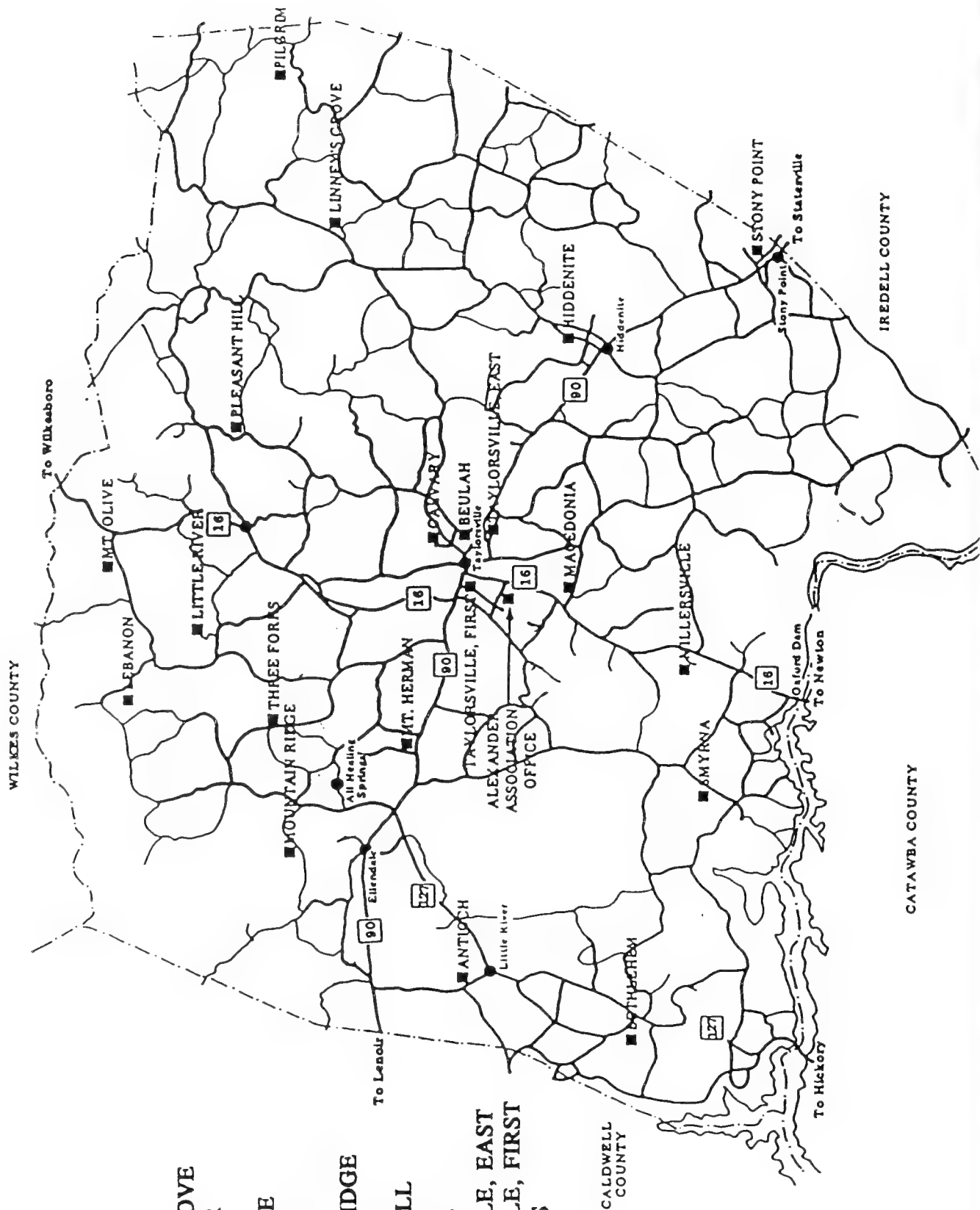
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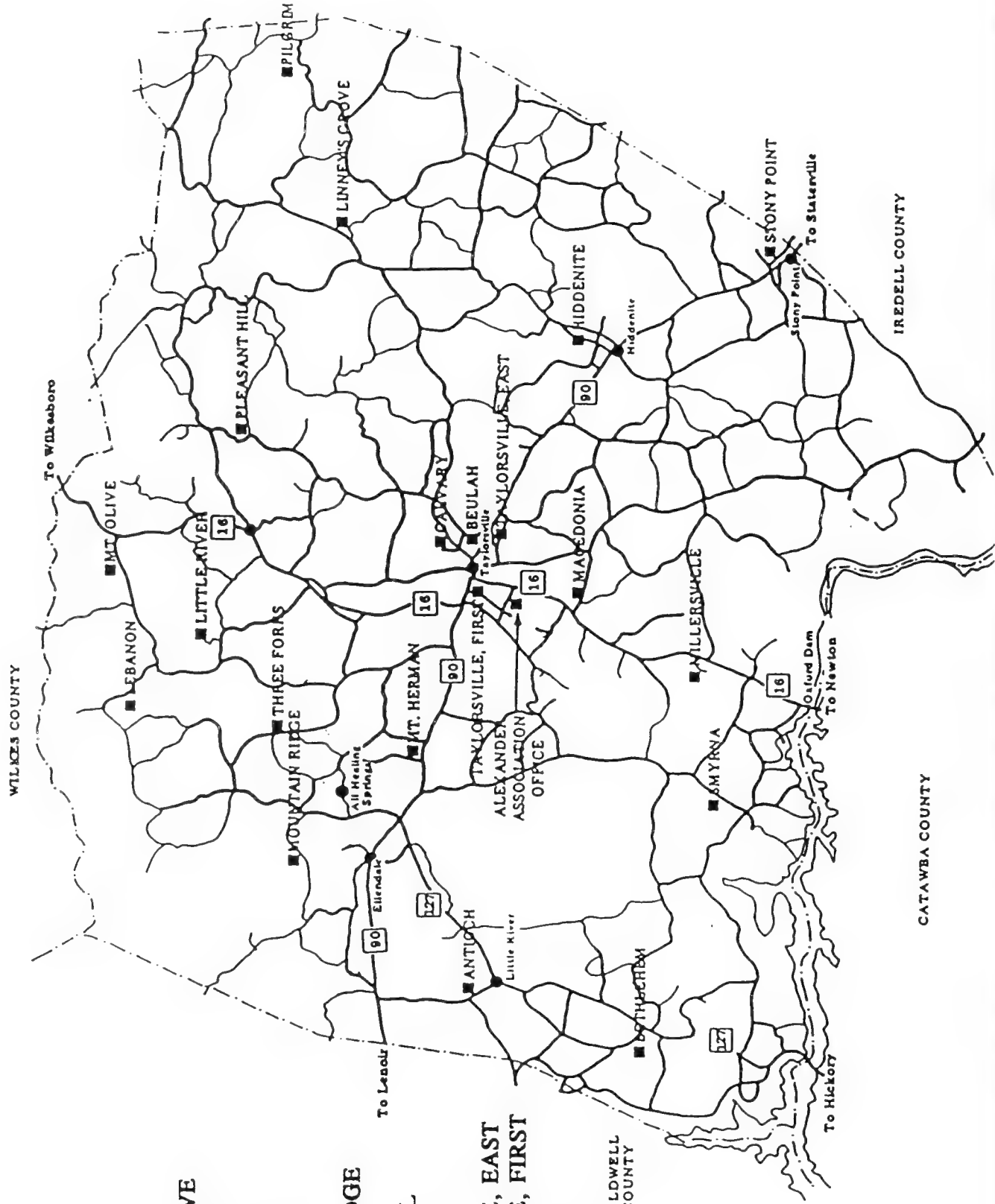
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DEDICATION OF 1999-2000 ANNUAL

We, the Alexander Baptist Association,
**DEDICATE THE MINUTES OF OUR
113th ANNUAL SESSION IN HONOR
OF REV. WILLIAM O. GOBLE, JR.**

Bill served as Interim Director of Missions of
Alexander Baptist Association from October,
1995 until October 1999. In October 1999 his

position became part-time Director of Missions. Rev. Goble has and still does serve the
association ably and faithfully. He is very active in all missions projects. He plans,
conducts, and attends meetings and promotional activities. He is quite active at the present
time in the Hmong Ministry which meets every other Sunday at Hiddenite Baptist Church.

In addition to associational and church activities, Bill is involved in several civic
organizations. He is an active member of the Ellendale Ruritan Club where he serves as
Chaplain and Treasurer. He attends faithfully and seldom misses a meeting. One duty
which brings him pleasure is writing a check for a needy person or family. He is also
involved with Alexander County Habitat for Humanity where he serves as Chairman of the
Church Relations Committee.

Before returning to Alexander County in 1995, Bill served as Director of Missions
for twenty-six years in the Catawba River Baptist Association, Morganton, N. C. Bill

was licensed to preach and ordained by Hiddenite Baptist Church. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated with the Bachelor of Divinity Degree (M.DIV.) from Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C. Rev. Goble has pastored churches in Aynor, S.C., Rutherford College, N.C, and Charlotte, N.C.

During World War II Bill served two years with the Air Corps in the Philippines and Japan. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Rev. Goble was the oldest of five children born to William O. and Alma Patterson Goble of Hiddenite. As a child Bill grew up in a Christian home and community. He spent his early years listening to the prayers of his parents, observing Christians in his church, and learning under godly public school teachers, such as Mrs. Mae Gooden and Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney. He made a profession of faith and was baptized into the Hiddenite Baptist Church at the age of thirteen.

Bill is married to the former Roberta Teague, daughter of Clyde and Belle McLeod Teague. She has faithfully supported Bill's ministry. She holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Roberta is a retired associational secretary as well as a teacher in both public and private schools. Bill and Roberta have two children: Elizabeth G. Benfield of Taylorsville, and Stephen L. Goble of San Francisco, CA.

We heartily dedicate the 2000 Associational Annual Minutes to Rev. William "Bill" Goble.

In Memoriam

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Mr. Archie Billings
Mrs. Hilda Teague Bloch
Mrs. Mary Lou Cline
Mrs. Doris Greene
Mrs. Dezzie Keller
Mr. Roland Meadlock
Mr. Glenn Montgomery, Deacon
Mr. Hoyle Paige
Mr. Boyd Richey, Deacon
Mrs. Jessie Warren

Bethlehem

Mrs. Emma Baney
Mr. Ted Fox
Mr. Wayne Fox
Mr. Paul Gant
Mrs. Ethel Lail
Mr. Tim Pittman
Mrs. Atha Putnam

Beulah

Mrs. Edna Brown
Mr. Robert Settlemyer

Calvary

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Mrs. Lucille Morrisison
Mr. Lewis Stilley
Mr. Ray Steele

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Mr. Frank Fox
Mr. Gene Fox
Mrs. Janie Garris
Mrs. Lucy Greene
Miss Donna Kay Meredith
Mrs. Ruby Pennell
Mrs. Sue Shoupe
Mr. Linney White, Deacon

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Mr. Pleas Dave Jolly
Mr. Steve Matlock
Mrs. Margie Russell
Mr. W.D. "Bill" Sears, Jr.
Mr. Derr Stewart
Mrs. Haroldine Watts
Mr. James White

Hiddenite

Mrs. Martha Baity
Mr. Blake Davidson
Mr. Larry Gendron
Miss Marcella Hines

Lebanon

None

Linney's Grove

None

Little River

Mr. Edd Hubbard

Macedonia

Mr. Paul Ingram
Mrs. Carma Teague

Millersville

Mr. Ralph Stewart Akers, Jr.

Mt. Herman

Mr. Roland Kerley, Deacon
Mr. George Stout
Mrs. Valdra Patterson

Mt. Olive

None

Mountain Ridge

Mr. Larry Treadway

Pilgrim

Mr. Claude Bunton, Deacon
Mrs. Onor Bunton
Mr. Gilbert Connolly
Mrs. Estelle Wike

Pleasant Hill

Mr. James Adams
Miss Lois Bowles
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Smyrna

Mrs. Merlie Bowman
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Mr. Ronald Ingram

Three Forks

Mrs. Nelia Barnes
Mr. Cletus Fox
Mr. Sam Herman
Mr. Gary Milstead
Mr. Barry Pennell
Mr. Thomas "Cliff" Rogers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

We started this year under the guide of a new Constitution and Bylaws, which calls for four (4) Quarterly Meetings and does away with the old Executive Council type meetings.

As we look back over the year the Lord has allowed us to accomplish many things as the churches have worked together:

In October 1999 we dedicated the new addition - our "Associational Resource Center" - and have filled it with much needed literature and visual aides added to the Media Center. We are pleased to note that more and more churches are taking advantage of these materials. We wish to thank at this time Bill and Roberta Goble for providing a beautiful conference table and chairs for the Conference Room area.

In December 1999 the Toy Store was a wonderful success with 195 families and 480 children being served by many volunteers. The churches gave so generously to this effort.

As we moved further into the beginning of the year 2000, we saw the Christian Women's Job Corp organized, up and running; many of our churches were strengthened through the "On Mission Celebration" (OMC) held the end of March - thirteen (13) of our Alexander Baptist Association churches and three (3) Rocky Face churches participated; and many folks served the community through the Missions Blitz which was held in April. We saw the Christian Crisis Center building become a reality and it is now being used. The Hmong Ministry is off and running with 25 to 35 Hmongs meeting at Hiddenite Baptist Church, thanks to Pastor Jason Guyer and all those who work so faithfully in this ministry.

Due to Rev. Faustino Banuelos' heavy work load, he had to resign his position as Associational Hispanic Pastor. This has greatly slowed down our Hispanic Ministry. Rev. John Jones of the NCSBC is working to assist us in this matter. Certainly this ministry needs our prayers - we are hoping something positive will develop in the near future.

Our Singing Seniors now have more than 30 members and are being called upon by a number of churches to participate in their services.

Our Alexander County Evangelistic Crusade "Alexander Crusade 2000" will be coming up shortly (September) - much prayer, time and work has gone into the planning of

this event. We are praying the end result of all this will be that many lost people from this area will be won to the Lord Jesus and all of us will be moved closer to the Lord so we can serve Him better. In Matthew 9:37 Jesus tells his Disciples (us) that the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. In verse 38 He tells us to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His harvest.

If the harvest is ever gleaned in Alexander County and the world, it will be because we, His children, love Him and one another enough to cooperate and go out into the field together to work.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
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ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 2000-DECEMBER 2001

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

AO - Associational Office and Resource Center

SEPTEMBER 2000

3	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
4	Labor Day - Office Closed
5	Hmong Mission Committee AO 7PM
7	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
8- 9	Equipping Today's Churches ETC, Ridgecrest
10-17	Week of Prayer & Offering for NC Missions
10	Single Adult Day
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
14	Assoc. WMU Council AO 6:45 PM
16	Alex. Crusade 2000 Prayer Walk from FBC to Crusade Site 10AM
17	Biblical Recorder Day in Churches
17	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
17	Singing Seniors Concert - Antioch Church 7PM
17	Anti-Gambling Sunday
19	Alexander Clergy Assoc., Taylorsville Presbyterian Church 10AM
20	Associational Youth "See You at the Pole" Day 7AM
21	Hmong Mission Committee AO 7PM
22	Pastoral Ministries Conf., Theron-Rankin Assoc., 9AM-Noon
23	Alexander Crusade 2000 - Tent Set-Up
24-29	Alexander Crusade 2000 - Tent - Across from Wal-Mart 7PM
29	National Women's Day - Ridgecrest
30	Alexander Crusade 2000 - Tent Take-down

OCTOBER 2000

1	"On Mission to Share Jesus" Sunday
1 + 15 + 29	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
3	Alexander Singing Seniors, ETBC - Choir Room 7PM
5	113th ANNUAL SESSION, MT. HERMAN CHURCH, 4 to 9PM
8	World Hunger Day
10	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
12	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
13-14	Statewide Deacons/Church Leadership Retreat, Caraway Conf. Center
13-14	RA Leadership Training
17	Alexander Clergy Assoc.- 10AM
20-21	WMU Resource Team Training - Caraway

- 21 Singing Seniors to perform on Courthouse Lawn at Noon for
Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival 9AM-4PM
- 22 Celebration of Cooperative Program
- 23-25 "Faith" Clinic, Fairview Church, Statesville
- 24 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 25 ABA Ministers' Conference, Dr. Fred McGehee, Speaker AO 9AM
- 29 Singing Seniors Concert - Hiddenite Church 7PM

NOVEMBER 2000

- 4 Christian Women's Job Corps, Mentor Training, AO 9AM-3PM
- 5 On Mission - The Next Generation Sunday
- 6 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 6- 8 NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference - Caraway Conference Center
- 7 National, State & Local ELECTION DAY
- 8 ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
- 12 Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 12-19 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
- 12+26 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
- 13 Association Staff Banquet - Winston-Salem, Coliseum
- 13-15 N C Baptist State Convention - Annual Session - Winston-Salem
- 14 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 19 IMB - Mission Study in Churches
- 21 Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM
- 21 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day** - Assoc. Office Closed (23, 24)
- 26 **Christmas Concert** - Singing Seniors - for all our churches -
East Taylorsville Church - 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 2000 **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis and Toy Store Emphasis Month**

- 3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for World Missions
- 3+17+31 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
- 4- 5 Retired DOM Retreat - Caraway
- 7 Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
- 7 Singing Seniors-Christmas in Downtown Taylorsville-Time TBA
- 11-12 Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
- 12 Singing Seniors Christmas Concert at Valley Nursing Home 6PM
- 13-14 Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
- 12 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 21-22 Office Closed for Christmas
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Have a Joyous Christmas
- 25-26 Office Closed

JANUARY 2001

1	New Year's Day - Office Closed
4	<u>Winter (Quarterly) Assoc. Meeting</u> - Mountain Ridge Church 7PM
8- 9	State Evangelism Conference, Winston-Salem
9	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
10	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
12	Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Harry Gant Steakhouse, Noon
14+28	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16	Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM
16-17	Assoc. Staff/General Board Staff Meeting, Caraway
20	US President - Inaugural Day
23	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
26-27	NC Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh
28	Baptist Men's Day in Churches

FEBRUARY 2001

11-17	WMU Focus Week
11+25	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
13	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
14	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
14	Valentine's Day
14	True Love Waits "Seize the Net" Emphasis
19	Presidents' Day
20	Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM
25	Volunteers in Missions Day
27	Alexander Singing Seniors 7:00 PM

MARCH 2001

4-11	"On Mission in America" NAMB Mission Study - Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
4+18	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
6- 7	Fruitland Bible Conference, Fruitland
8	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
9-10	Marriage Enrichment Retreat, No. Myrtle Beach
13	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
13-14	New Minister's Orientation, NCBSC, Cary
14	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
16-17	Great Commission Prayer Conference, Caraway
20	Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM

23-25	Missions Extravaganza #1, Ridgecrest
25	On Mission: Plant A New Congregation
27	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
30-4/1	Missions Extravaganza #2, Ridgecrest

APRIL 2001

1+15+29	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
1	Associational Bible Drills - 3PM
5	<u>Spring (Quarterly) Assoc. Meeting</u> - Three Forks Church 7PM
8	Cooperative Program Day
8	PALM SUNDAY
10	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
11	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
13	GOOD FRIDAY - Office Closed
13	Lad/Crusader Congresses
15	EASTER - Celebration for our Risen Lord
17	Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM
20	State Youth Bible Drills & Speakers Tournament
21	State Children's Bible Drills
22	Earth Stewardship Sunday
24	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
25	Church Secretaries' Day
27	State Youth Bible Drills & Speakers Tournament
28	State Children's Bible Drills
28	Associational <u>MISSIONS BLITZ</u> East Taylorsville Church

MAY 2001

3	National Day of Prayer
5	Finalist Youth Bible Drills/Speakers Tournament
8	Alexander Singing Senior, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
9	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
10	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
12	State RA Track Meet
13	Mother's Day
13+27	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
14-15	Key Leadership - Ridgecrest
14-16	Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
16-18	Spring Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
21-27	National Baptist Association Emphasis Week
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
28	Memorial Day - Office Closed

JUNE 2001

VBS Emphasis Month; Camps, Ridgecrest, Caswell and Caraway Emphasis Month

7	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
10-11	SBC WMU Annual Meeting and Training - New Orleans
12-13	SBC Annual Meeting - New Orleans, La.
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
14	Flag Day
17	Father's Day
22-23	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training - Caraway
26	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM

JULY 2001

Camps, Ridgecrest, Caswell, and Caraway Emphasis Month

2- 6	Week of Christian Study & Fellowship - Mars Hill College
4	Independence Day - Office Closed
9-11	Associational Staff Summer Conference, Caraway
10	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
12	<u>Summer (Quarterly) Assoc. Meeting</u> - Macedonia Church 7PM
13-14	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
24	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
26-27	Super Summer Carowinds, Charlotte
29	Assoc. Church Clerk's Conference AO 3PM

AUGUST 2001

2- 6	Family Fun & Focus Week
8	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
9	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
9-14	World Missions Week, Caswell
10-11	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
14	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
21	Alexander Clergy Assoc. 10AM
28	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM

SEPTEMBER 2001 **New Church Year Begins**

3	Labor Day - Office Closed
6	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
7- 8	ETC (Equipping Today's Church) Ridgecrest (7th, 2-5 for Associational Key Leaders)
9	Grandparents' Day
9-16	Week of Prayer & NC Missions Offering
11	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
12	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
25	Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM

OCTOBER 2001

Cooperative Program Month

114th ANNUAL SESSION - ABA - Pleasant Hill Church - 4PM

- 4
- 8-10 Fall Senior Adult Conference - Caraway
- 9 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 10 ABA Ministers' Conference AO 9AM
- 11 Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
- 12-13 RA Leadership Training
- 14 World Hunger Day
- 15-17 Fall Senior Adult Day, Caraway
- 18 Assn. Key Leadership Conference ETBC 7PM
- 19-20 WMU Resource Team Training, Caraway
- 19-20 Literacy Missions Retreat
- 20 Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
- 23 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 26-27 Conference on Addictions, Caraway
- TBA Super Saturday - Lowes Motor Speedway - Charlotte

NOVEMBER 2001

- 5- 7 NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference TBA
- 6 Election Day
- 12 Associational Staff Banquet, Winston-Salem 5PM
- 12-14 NC Baptist State Convention - Annual Session - Winston-Salem
- 12-19 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
- 13 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 21 The Art of Mentoring Church Staff Workshop, Ridgecrest 10AM-3PM
- 22 **Thanksgiving Day** - Assoc. Office Closed (22, 23)
- 25-12/2 Week of Prayer for Global Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 27 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM

DECEMBER 2001

Toy Store and Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

- 3- 4 Retired DOM Retreat, Caraway
- 6 Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
- 10-11 Toy Store Collection and Set Up of Store, National Guard Armory
- 11 Alexander Singing Seniors, Alex. Senior Center 7PM
- 12-13 Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
- 24-26 Office Closed for Christmas
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BAPTIST MEN / BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The past year was very productive. One new men's group was formed during the year at Beulah Baptist Church. I had the pleasure of being invited to speak to the initial group on how to proceed and how a Baptist Men's group should perform. Several other groups from churches throughout the association joined in the work to help complete the first Alexander Habitat house. They did the framing and roofing and other work on the house. As a member of the Habitat board, I appreciate all our Baptist Men's hard work on this house and look forward to working on other houses to begin in the near future.

Not forgetting those who have braved a disaster, several of our groups have gone back to the eastern part of our state repeatedly to help provide those in that area with replaced housing and continue to do so.

To give Baptist Men a different direction, at our August key leadership session, the Baptist State Convention representative reported that the men's groups in our churches are not only needed to be more mission minded, but also to grow more spiritual in our homes and be the fathers and husbands that we need to be. This is in line with what the Promise Keepers are teaching men.

Also, we need to remember not to forget the younger men in our churches. I believe that all our churches need Royal Ambassadors (Grades 1 – 6) and Challengers (Grades 7 – 12). There are many new methods to having these programs in our churches with minimal time involved. Please contact me or the Association office should any Baptist Men's group or church desire to obtain additional information on how to start an R.A. or Challenger group.

For the 2000-2001 year, I pledge to make a stronger effort to visit more of our Baptist Men in the association's churches.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Brewington, Director*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OF
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FOR
2000-2001

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Kenneth Kerley
Vice Moderator.....	Keith Childers
Clerk.....	Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.....	Robert Austin
Director of Missions.....	Bill Goble
Church/Community Ministries Dir...	Dianna Musselman
Associate CCM Director.....	Gary Jennings

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING COMMITTEES

HISTORY & DEDICATION OF MINUTES

Florrie Kerley, Chair
 Emilyn Wagner
 Lucy Echerd

TRUSTEES (Executive Council)

PERSONNEL (Executive Council)

<u>CREDENTIALS</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Ed Nichols, Chair	Pilgrim	2001
Michael Barber	Smyrna	2002
Billy Millsaps	Linney's Grove	2003

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bucky Foster, Chair	First Baptist	2001
Brent Fox	Bethlehem	2002
Dan Frantz	East Taylorsville	2003

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elected annually from floor at Winter Session - will serve until January 2001)

Van Tarlton	East Taylorsville	2001
Diane Fox	Millersville	2001
Cathy Hartness, Chair	Stony Point	2001
Blayne Hollar	Antioch	2001
Nancy Carrigan	First Baptist	2001
Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	2001
Jamie Steele	Three Forks	2001

<u>BUDGET/FINANCE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> (Missions Funding Development)	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Mack Treadway	First Baptist	2001
Wayne Holland	Antioch	2001
Kip Mace	Three Forks	2002
Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	2002
Pete James	East Taylorsville	2003
Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2003
Moderator, Chair		
Vice Moderator		

QUARTERLY SESSIONS PLANNING & PLACE (Executive Council)

ORDINATION EXAMINING

Dewey Austin	Antioch	2001
William Wease, Chair	Linney's Grove	2001
Jason Guyer	Hiddenite	2002
Steve Lackey	East Taylorsville	2002

RESOLUTIONS

Shirley Lail	Antioch	2001
Mark Odom, Chair	Hiddenite	2002
Betty Lovette	Mt. Herman	2003

VAN TRANSPORTATION

Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	2001
Billy Pennell	Stony Point	2001
Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	2002

MISSIONS PERFORMANCE TEAMS AND CONSULTANTS

WMU Team (Consultants)

Diane Fox	Director	Millersville
Women on Mission (WOM)	Debbie Little	Bethlehem
Girls in Action (GA)	Trudy Perry	Millersville
GA Consultant	Karen Loudermelk	Millersville

Consult WMU Director for Acteen and Mission Friends Consultations

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon
Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman
Sandra Lowrance	Little River

SUNDAY SCHOOL Bible Reaching-Teaching Team (Consultants)

Director	Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman
Adult Leader	Al Childress	Mt. Hebron
Youth Leader	Teresa Riddle	Hiddenite
Children's Leader	Loretta Robinson	Pleasant Hill
Pre-School Leader		
VBS Director	Debra Harrington	Hiddenite
Outreach/Evang. Leader	Craig Hamlin	E. Taylorsville

MUSIC TEAM

Director	Shelia Austin	Antioch
Shirley Lackey		Stony Point
Junior Mitchell		Pilgrim

EVANGELISM CONSULTANT - Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville

BAPTIST MEN MINISTRIES TEAM

Director/Consultant	Bob Brewington	Mt. Herman
Asst. Dir./Consultant	Noah Lail	Bethlehem
Royal Ambassador (RA) Dir.		

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING TEAM

Dir/Cons/Supporter	Cathy Hartness	Stony Point
Co-Supporter	Wanda Payne	Three Forks
Bible Drill Leader	Kathleen Teague	Antioch

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Team Leader	Marvin Yarborough	E. Taylorsville
	Mitch King	Stony Point
	Tammy Condrey	Antioch
	Jamie Steele	Three Forks
	Ashley Evans	Bethlehem
	Sean Roberds	First Baptist

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Director	David Giffin	First Baptist
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STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANT

Director	
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MEDIA LIBRARY/COMPUTER CONSULTANT

Director	Kay White	Three Forks
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DEACON CONSULTANT

Director	Blayne Hollar	Antioch
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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONSULTANT

Director	Rick Jordan	Antioch
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HISPANIC MISSION MINISTRIES

Chair	Sammy Davis	First Baptist
	Randy Frantz	E. Taylorsville
	Roberta Goble	Mt. Herman
	Roger Underwood	First Baptist
	Gary Jennings	E. Taylorsville
	Moderator	

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Director	_____	_____
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MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Leader (Director)		Gary Jennings, E. Taylorsville
		Bob Brewington, Mt. Herman
		Armin Chapman, E. Taylorsville
		Cathy Hartness, Stony Point
Moderator		
Ex Officio -	CCM Director -	Dianna Musselman, Dudley Shoals

NEW COMMITTEES & TEAMS

CHRISTIAN WOMEN JOB CORPS (CWJC)

Current Advisory Board

Dianna Musselman, Site Coordinator
Sharon Absher, Mentor Training
Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Gary Jennings, Pastor Advisor
Myrna Kirby
Susie Barkley - CVCC Alexander Site Supervisor
Carol Dayton, Work First Supervisor - DSS
Marie Chapman
Moderator - Alexander Baptist Association

HMONG MISSIONS MINISTRY

Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite
Scott Ferguson	Millersville
Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem
Shelia Austin	Antioch
Rick Jordan	Antioch
Tim Deaton	Bethlehem
Jason Guyer	Hiddenite
Moderator-ex officio	

Senior Adult "Alexander Singing Seniors" Team Leaders

Shelia and Robert Austin	Antioch
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Respectfully submitted,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1999-2000
Cathy Hartness, Chair
Kenneth Kerley
Nancy Carrigan
Jamie Steele
Van Tarlton
Diane Fox
Blayne Hollar

DOM ANNUAL REPORT
September 1999 - August 2000

Miles traveled: 3626

On Field/In Churches: Visitation 65 days - 125 services; events 157; conducted Bible Study; preached some sermons in churches; led in congregational prayer in many churches.

Office Work: Some personal consultations; some group consultations, i.e., pastor search committees; many telephone conversations; worked with Secretary, Bobbi Glass, in preparing many mail outs to pastors and other church leaders; prepared and mailed monthly newsletters.

Led in Dedication Service and Open House of the new Associational Resource Center building in October 1999.

Associational Meetings, Monthly Projects, Missions, etc.: Pastors' Conference; Ministers' Wives' meetings, Church Secretaries' meetings; Ladies' Prayer Retreat; established Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC); Four Associational Council meetings and four Quarterly Associational Meetings; Toy Store at Christmas; Key Leadership Conference; Missions Blitz; Annual Session, Flood Disaster Relief for Eastern NC; and the Spanish Mission led by Rev. Faustino Banuelos (3 Bible Studies in homes each week) until Pastor Banuelos resigned because of the need of evangelizing the Hispanics in the Granite Falls area. The Hmong Mission at Hiddenite Baptist Church partners with the Baptist State Convention, and our association continues with the spiritual leadership of Mr. Toua Khang from Statesville - this group meets twice monthly on Sunday morning.

"On Mission Celebration" (OMC) March 26-29, 2000 with 13 Associational Churches and 3 Rocky Face Association churches participating - very good conference! I served as Coordinator.

Promoted: Most of the calendared ministries, events and emphases of the NC Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, especially home and foreign missions - as well as our local missions and events in Alexander County. Greg Laurie Crusade in Hickory, Watchman's Fellowship, "True Love Waits" for Youth, National Day of Prayer in May, VBS Early Bird Clinic and regular VBS Clinic; Alexander Crusade 2000 coming September 24-29, 2000; provided and participated in training in ESL to provide tutoring in Alexander County Schools; Youth Events, and Clerk's Conference.

Attended: NC Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem; NC Baptist Evangelism Conference in Winston-Salem; spoke briefly at dedication of the Hmong Mission in Morganton; stood in for pastor on vacation and on mission trip; Gideon banquet; Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest; Pastoral Ministries Conferences in Hickory, and DOM Summer Conference.

Served: On Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors (as Church Relations Chairman); on CWJC Board of Directors; as Chaplain and Treasurer of Ellendale Ruritan Club; member of Alexander County Ministerial Association; and Invocation Coordinator for County Commissioners.

Encourager: Mission trips - state, national and international short term missions.

Resource Center: Churches are using the resources in our Resource Center, and that's good!. We try to keep it updated for use by our churches. Our major resources include: audio-video equipment, computer, fax machine, video projector, overhead projector, large screen - and many mission and family videos as well as equipping center modules.

Appreciation: For your involvement - prayers, finances, and support - I appreciate everyone of you - thank you!

Bill Goble
Director of Missions



Christian Women's Job Corps

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The purpose of the Christian Women's Job Corps is to provide a Christian context in which **women in need** are equipped for life and/or employment; **along with a missions context** in which women help women. **The CWJC combines mentoring, networking, and Bible study to help women develop skills and self confidence in a supportive Christian environment.** After a woman is accepted into a local program she will then be matched with a mentor (one woman helping one woman).

As you can see, many steps need to be taken before starting this ministry in a rural community. Over the past few months we have begun to take those initial steps. Through speaking engagements at our local churches and by going out into the community, we have made some contacts. This is a crucial part of any new ministry. Since the CWJC ministry relies on networking area resources, we have to let the community know we are here to help them, not to replace them. If we all work together we can make a difference. We work along side our Department of Social Services (DSS) also. Our referrals come from the DSS Work First program. Which is a welfare-to-work program. The referrals can take a little time since this is a religious ministry, they must sign a request for our help.

We have held two Mentor training sessions, and are planning the next session **Saturday, November 4 from 9am-3pm** at the Alexander Baptist Resource Center. We must have a mentor for each client. **The mentor is the one who gives that woman a Christian role model.**

We now have 3 clients. One of which, has not been paired with her mentor yet. Sometimes this can take awhile. But with community awareness and participation, we can slowly make a change for the better, within the lives of these women and their families.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

Dianna Musselman
Your Site Coordinator

Missions Development

Four major areas form the missions development challenge for our Association. Associational, State, National and International Missions, all give us an opportunity to answer the New Testament call, "come help us!" Whether it is entry level involvement or seasoned missionaries, each level allows churches to train and send forth laborers into the harvest.

We saw a huge success with our Toy Store, 1999 with over 200 families served. The Christian Crisis House and Salvation Army joined hands to fill the Christmas needs of county families. Our churches were more involved than ever and we have the opportunity in 2000 to do even more. The dates for the Toy Store this year are December 11-14 with distribution on the 13th-14th at the National Guard Army. Churches may begin collections anytime and should plan on storage of items until December 10.

Our Missions Blitz was conducted last April and we will look to do another Blitz in the spring of 2001. This year we will encourage our churches to choose an ongoing mission or the implementation of a new mission to target during our Blitz. Training churches and providing needed resources is a goal of Missions Development. "The Church on Mission" is our 2001 theme. Begin now to explore your church field for needed emphasis and we will work to help you meet that need. Our Association wishes to reach out to our churches and help you do missions, instead of saying, "come help us".

May the Lord bless our efforts to worship him with a renewed vision for what missions can do here at home and around the world.

Prayerfully submitted:

Gary W. Jennings,
Missions Development Committee

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CELEBRATE JESUS 2000

Discipleship Training

Since our associational discipleship efforts are no longer limited to meetings, training sessions, and conferences, we cannot use numbers in attendance as a measure of success. Although there were no participants in the 1999 fall key leadership training, I have assisted a number of churches with their discipleship training needs. The most recent event being the pastors wives fellowship gathering.

We still have only two churches participating in associational Bible Drill. The number of churches reporting discipleship within the local body is up from a few years ago. The most recent report indicates nine of our churches offering some form of discipleship.

In service to Jesus,

Cathy Hartness
Discipleship Training Consultant

Top 10 Discipleship Bible study materials

1. Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God

by Henry Blackaby and Claude King. (The purpose is to help Christians discover God's will and to obediently follow it.)

2. To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul by Beth Moore.

3. The Mind of Christ by T.W. Hunt and Claude King. (Teaches believers how to think the thoughts of Christ or to have the mind of Christ.)

4. MasterLife by Avery Willis (A popular discipleship course since 1980, it is now divided into four, six-week interactive workbooks.)

5. A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore.

(This study addresses the question "Why would a holy God desire to dwell among humans?")

6. Whispers of Hope by Beth Moore. (A 10-week devotional study

designed for women of all ages. It focuses on issues and topics relevant to women and encourages them to journal their prayers and feelings each day.)

7. A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God through a study of

David by Beth Moore. (This study demonstrates how God loved and was able to use David despite his disobedience.)

8. Life in the Spirit by Robertson McQuilkin. (A 12-week group study that

focuses on how to, through the power and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, experience a life characterized by a deep and loving relationship with God.)

9. Shaping the Next Generation by David and Elaine Atchison.

(A video-driven resource that provides parents basic information and motivation to shape the morals and values of their children.)

10. The Man God Uses by Henry and Tom Blackaby. (A study that shows how men who have encountered God need to understand what He is doing in their lives.)

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September 1, 2000

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RE: Report of the VBS Director

The Association VBS Clinic was held on Thursday, May 7, 2000 at Millersville Baptist Church. We sincerely thank Rev. Bill Orren and congregation for opening their facilities for our use in this endeavor.

Attendance was down considerably this year. Many classes did not have any conferees to attend. A lot of time and effort was put into preparation for this and it was extremely discouraging for the VBS Conference team. In fact, the existing team has requested not to be considered for next year's presentation.

I realize that this request is not solely the result of the disappointing association-wide participation. This was also the first year that the State Office has not provided a team to train us for presenting our conference. This State training has been invaluable to all of us over the years to provide guidance and ideas. Their decision to change the structure of the VBS State office has hurt the individual associations tremendously. Unfortunately, their decision appears to be one we must contend with.

In light of all this, I would like to ask each church in the association to consider two things:

- 1) Would your VBS team consider leading the conference next year? As in the past, all materials used would be paid for by the Association and would remain with your church for use in your own VBS. Contact me or the Association office if you would be interested for further details.
- 2) Probably of more importance, will your church participate in attendance? It is unfair to ask anyone to give of their time and efforts toward this venture if no one has the desire to support with your attendance. Please address any comments or responses to the Association office or myself directly.

Vacation Bible School remains one of the most important outreach programs that most churches have geared toward children. I pray that we do not lose sight of this fact. I ask you for your prayers that our Association continues in God's will in this area of ministry.

Respectfully Submitted.
Debra Harrington
Association VBS Director
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Clerk's Report

The Association Clerk has undergone a few changes this past year. Due to health reasons, Miss Emilyn Wagner stepped down from her position as Association Clerk. I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the Association over the years.

On Sunday, August 13, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to distribute the 2000 Church Profiles. Nine of the twenty clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

Next year we hope to begin submitting the church profiles to the State via the Internet. This year marks the second year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet and the first year where some of the 'bugs' have been corrected. We will submit the paper forms to the State this year and they will input the information into their computer system. Next year, we hope to have a class to train clerks on how to submit the 2001 profile via the Internet.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the church profile on time and accurately. The following 16 clerks completed their church profile accurately and returned them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise A. Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Robert P. Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Susan Ferguson	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Lisa K. Barber	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Mrs. Louise Hatton	-	Mountain Ridge Baptist Church
Mrs. Luci Patterson	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Claudia "Tootsie" Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville, First Baptist Church
Mrs. Kim Unthank	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of all of the activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble
Association Clerk

HISTORY OF MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Millersville Baptist Church was established in 1923 and joined the Alexander Baptist Association in 1924. History of the church is recorded in past minutes.

Millersville Church is very mission minded with all organizations active.

A Child Development Center will open in November 2000 with Mrs. James D. Canter as Director. The center will be able to serve 80 children, birth to five years of age.

The present pastor, Rev. Bill Orren, was called to serve in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

**Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee**

CHURCH SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The Association Church Secretaries' Conference/Fellowship is open to all Association Church Secretaries. Our get-togethers are very informal. We meet once a quarter at the Associational Resource Center - just bring your own lunch - sandwich, salad, or whatever you wish. The Association will provide drinks - we share dessert, have a devotion, enjoy good fellowship, share ideas, and praise God for what He is doing in our lives, in our churches, and in our Association.

Fellowship begins at noon or as soon as you can get here, and we meet in our new building - the Resource Center - located at 223 Fifth Avenue SW, Taylorsville - call if you need directions. Come join us - everyone is welcome.

We look forward with excitement and anticipation to our North Carolina Baptist Secretaries' Conference this year at Caraway Conference Center - November 6, 7, and 8. Six secretaries are signed up to go. We thank our respective churches and association for this wonderful opportunity to be inspired, to renew old friendships and to make new friends, and to learn more about our Savior in order to serve Him better.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Association Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of the ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Preamble

We, the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the region of Alexander County, State of North Carolina, unite according to the plan and for the purpose of New Testament churches in our world. To this end and according to the following articles, we cooperate, with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we confirm the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (revised in 1998).

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association, Inc., hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this state is at 223 5th Ave., SW, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 28681, in Alexander County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity, growth, and cooperation among the churches related to the Association and to provide resources, opportunities, and coordination that will encourage and enable the churches, both individually and together, to achieve the objectives and goals toward fulfilling the Great Commission in their community, association, state, nation and around the world.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. The Association shall be composed of each local Missionary Baptist Church in the region desiring membership in the Association. A Missionary Baptist Church shall be defined as follows:

- a) One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association.
- b) Elects and sends messengers to the quarterly meetings.

- c) Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and
- d) Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 2. Voting Messengers: Each member church of the Association shall send four (4) messengers to the Associational sessions composed of the pastor of said member church and three (3) active members of said church, each of whom shall have an equal voting privilege with regard to Associational business.

Section 3. Any church may sever its working relationship with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a member church when without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 1 or when for any reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be inconsistent with the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4. Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

- a) Make application to the Association Credentials Committee for recognition as a member Baptist Church.
- b) Furnish the Credentials Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.
- c) Upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Association in any session, a church may be recognized as a member church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church in the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, with October as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Association year shall begin September 1 and continue through August 31.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator/President to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office. He shall sign all legal documents for the Association as President of the Association.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator/Vice-President to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk/Secretary to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and supervise the printing and distributing of the same. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Association office. The Clerk/Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Council and serve as its official correspondent. The Clerk/Secretary shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 5. In addition to the above set forth officers, the Association at its April meeting shall elect a leadership team nominated for that purpose.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members shall be elected from the floor in the January quarterly meeting of the Association consisting of no more than one (1) member from any given church.

Section 7. In addition to the election of the officers set forth above, the Association shall elect a Director of Missions who shall serve indefinitely at the discretion of the Association. The election of said Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any duly scheduled meeting of the Association. The termination of the Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

An Associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Women's Missionary Union, Baptist Men's Ministry, Music and Youth. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the Sunday School

director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3. In case of an emergency, the Executive Council may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4. The Clerk/Secretary shall make a report of the Executive Council proceedings to the Association in session. The report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A majority of enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes of the members present except for the election or dismissal of the Director of Missions.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

If, and when, a change in this constitution or bylaws is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the Executive Council at least three (3) months [one quarter] before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Executive Council to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of the proposed change or changes. The amendment of the constitution and bylaws shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Association present at its annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Meeting of Assoc. Executive Council 6/8/2000 - 7:00 PM)

1. Recommend we move the July Quarterly Meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month to avoid any conflict with the July 4th holiday.
2. Add to the Executive Council the following:
 - A. The Parliamentarian
 - B. The Association Music Director

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Council
Alexander Baptist Association

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 5, 2000

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2000**

Savings as of August 31, 2000.....	\$ 2,639.54
Money Market Account.....	24,294.06
Balance on Hand September 1, 1999.....	33,769.24
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	63,023.56
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>40,864.35</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$137,657.15
Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 65,023.14
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>45,453.64</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$110,476.78
BALANCE ON HAND August 31, 2000.....	\$ 27,180.37

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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENT

Antioch.....	\$ 5,088.53	Millersville.....	\$ 2,100.00
Bethlehem.....	3,250.00	Mt. Herman.....	6,000.00
Beulah.....	200.00	Mt. Olive.....	893.40
Calvary.....	-0-	Mountain Ridge.....	-0-
East Taylorsville.....	8,561.63	Pilgrim.....	1,352.00
Hiddenite.....	2,520.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3,000.00
Lebanon.....	3,659.04	Smyrna.....	2,317.87
Linney's Grove.....	1,400.00	Stony Point.....	6,622.00
Little River.....	4,714.71	Taylorsville First....	4,294.38
Macedonia.....	1,800.00	Three Forks.....	<u>5,250.00</u>
			\$ 63,023.56

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hispanic Ministry.....	\$ 800.00
BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	2,800.00
BSCNC Refund-Crusade 2000 Tent.....	300.00
BSCNC Missions Blitz.....	2,000.00
BSCNC Toy Store.....	800.00
BSCNC Sunday School Refund.....	25.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,248.85
Hmong Mission Offering - Hiddenite Church.....	2,200.00
Hispanic Mission Offering - Misc.....	20.00
Special Contributions.....	529.77
NC Sales Tax Refund.....	384.20
Worker's Comp Refund.....	45.00
Christian Women's Job Corp (ACDSS).....	8,865.00
Missions Blitz-Misc.....	185.00
Operation Christmas Spirit - Toy Store.....	2,101.30
BW World Day of Prayer Offering.....	156.00
WMU School Supplies.....	52.25
On Mission Celebration-Percentage from participating churches...	6,806.00
OMC Love Offering-churches.....	8,846.36
OMC Fruit Baskets.....	160.00
OMC Refund-Missions Fair.....	40.00
Alex. Singing Seniors T-Shirts.....	597.95
Van Mileage.....	264.62
Copies & Supplies.....	140.48
Miscellaneous.....	<u>96.57</u>
	\$ 40,864.35

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	14,572.33
Insurance.....	3,235.74
Retirement.....	735.00
Conference.....	110.00
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,346.17
DOM: Salary.....	7,668.00
Utilities/Housing.....	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	1,958.33
Retirement.....	60.00
Travel.....	1098.75
Ministry Expense.....	-0-
Christmas Bonus.....	400.00
Conventions.....	170.46

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 4,115.97
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	2,461.34
General Supplies (office expense).....	3,099.75
Postage and Box Rental.....	2,102.47
Repairs and Maintenance.....	670.00
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers' Comp.).....	1,247.78
Miscellaneous.....	90.35
Media Center.....	805.47

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 200.00
Brotherhood.....	109.95
Evangelism.....	2,500.00
Hispanic.....	792.51
Hmong.....	2,576.59
Key Leadership.....	355.94
Missions Development.....	3,344.44
Music.....	547.38
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	763.81
Senior Adults.....	667.55
VBS.....	650.92
WMU.....	354.64
Youth.....	-0-
Transportation (Van- ins/tag/maintenance/gas).....	1,261.50
	<u>\$ 65,023.14</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Christian Women's Job Corps.....	\$ 7,331.53
OMC Love Offering & Expenses	16,122.11
Deposit to Money Market Acct.....	22,000.00
	<u>\$ 45,453.64</u>

Construction - Final Payment..... \$ 20,290.97

MEDIA LIBRARY REPORT

The Media Library at Alexander Baptist Association, located in our new Resource Center, is set up to serve our Association Churches. Many new resources were purchased recently. Several modules, still new and being checked out quite often, are available for your use. Other resources will be purchased as necessary. Many items that have been in the library for some time, together with all the new resources recently purchased, are being documented and processed in our computer.

As our new Resource Center has been open since October 1999, it is quite adequate to accommodate additional resources as the need arises.

We are delighted that there has been an increase in activity and interest in our Resource Center. Many committee meetings are held here each month and we have heard so many compliments regarding the addition to the Association building. Word is getting out that we have these new resources, we get new items nearly every month - **and they are here for you to use!!** We keep current copies of the following videos: On Mission with God - International Missions Update; Mandate; and a new video series called "Kids On Mission" is available on a quarterly basis.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SERVE YOU IN THIS CAPACITY!

Respectfully submitted,

Kay White
MEDIA LIBRARY DIRECTOR

HISTORY OF SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH

Smyrna Baptist Church was organized on October 23, 1923 at Frye School House with 30 Charter Members, all of whom are now deceased.

The Alexander Association met here last in 1993 and history is recorded in past minutes. The Spring Session met here in April 2000.

In 1997 two acres of land was purchased to extend parking area, and plans were made to build a new church. Ground breaking for the new building was held in March of 1998 - the church was completed and a Dedication Service was held on September 12, 1999.

In 1999 Marty Robinson was ordained and is now the Associate Pastor. Rev. Michael Barber is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee**

**Alexander Baptist Association
Spring Quarterly Session
Smyrna Baptist Church
Thursday, April 6, 2000 7:00 PM**

**Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator, Presiding
Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, DOM
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Assn. Music Director**

1. Prelude by Brenda Robertson, Organist and Jody West Pianist.

2 The Call to Worship was given by the Smyrna Church Choir under the direction of Mr. Barry Mullis . The songs **Lean on Me** and **The Peacekeeper** were sung. The choir was accompanied by Mrs. Glennie Lail on the piano.

3. The session was opened and called to order by Moderator Kenneth Kerley who noted that this was the first time in 112 years that the association had met in this building (new sanctuary). He welcomed those present.

4. Host pastor Rev. Michael Barber also welcomed those present and extended an invitation to enjoy refreshments in the fellowship hall after the meeting.

5. Assn. Music Director, Shelia Austin, led the congregation in singing **There Shall Be Showers of Blessing**. She introduced the song by sharing how the song came to be written.

6. Rev. Brent Kasey, new pastor of Stony Point Baptist read Eph. 2 : 1-10 and spoke briefly of the “old condition” Jesus has brought us from and the “new condition” He has brought us to. He then led in prayer.

7. The Moderator led in the roll call of the churches. First he recognized the minutes being taken tonight by Diane Fox due to the illness and early resignation of Miss Emilyn Wagner who has served in the clerk position for many years. There were 106 people present from 17 churches. Forty three of those were messengers.

8. Rev. Keith Childers made the motion to receive the program as the order of service. It was voted on and approved.

9. Rev. Bill Goble welcomed everyone, especially new pastors or staff members beginning since the last quarterly meeting. Recognized was Jamie Steele, new youth pastor at Three Forks. Ten pastors were in attendance.

Rev. Goble reported on the success of the **On Mission Celebration** and gave thanks for: (1). the support for the OMC by the 13 ABA churches and 3 Rocky Face churches participating (2) the wonderful offerings collected that would serve as honorariums to the missionaries (\$722.18 per) (3) the OMC team leaders, (4) the churches who provided association wide meals: East Taylorsville, Millersville, Little River, Pleasant Hill, and Stony Point and (5) East Taylorsville for providing transportation from Statesville each night.

Pastor, Darren Lambert, from Pleasant Hill gave a testimony about the positive effect of the OMC meetings and how their church is planning to help Rev. Schade in Rhode Island (one of our guest missionaries) buy Bibles for distribution. He invited other churches to participate as well.

10. Diane Fox, Chairman of OMC Special Events, gave a report on the OMC Missions Fair. She gave out 23 certificates to children who completed the Missions Scavenger Hunt at the fair. She also gave personal testimony concerning the value of the OMC.

11. Rev. Gobble promoted the upcoming Missions Blitz on April 15; the VBS Clinic, May 4 at Millersville; and the National Day of Prayer at the courthouse also on May 4.

12 Prayer Concerns given by Rev. Gobble:

1. Hispanic Ministry - The Hispanic pastor that has worked in our county on Saturday (from the Caldwell Association) had to resign to give more time to his work there. Rev. John Jones of the NCSBC is trying to give us assistance in this matter.
2. Hmong Mission - Hiddenite, Antioch and Bethlehem churches are working with 20-30 Hmongs twice a week to work on getting citizenship and sharing Jesus.

13. Mr. Kenneth Kerley recognized Bill Goble and Bobbi Glass for their work on the OMC as well.

14. The treasurer's report for last quarter was given by Mrs. Bobbi Glass. It was voted on and approved.

15. Rev. Craig Hamlin gave an update on the upcoming (September) county crusade. He stated that 10 churches have indicated their willingness to participate so far. Kip Mace of Three Forks, will be heading up finances; Ronald Brookshire of Rocky Face will be the prayer leader; and Tom Seamone of Millersville will be song leader. The 1800-2000 capacity tent will be located close to Wal-Mart behind Taylor Togs.

16. Cathy Hartness, chairman of the volunteer selection committee, gave their report. She pointed out several vacancies in the report and asked for prayer in locating the right people to fill them. She made the motion to accept the printed report, it was seconded by Doug Foster. The report was voted on by acclimation.

Note regarding the CCM position: Rev. Goble noted that Sharon Absher is currently undergoing the process for CCM (Church & Community Missions) Director. Until she has been approved the position is being filled by Gary Jennings of East Taylorsville.

17. Shelia Austin gave the history of the song **Here Am I , Send Me** and then led the congregation in its singing.

28. The Alexander **Singing Seniors** presented the special music. This group is comprised of people from different churches in our association. They were formed about 1 1/2 years ago by Miss Lucy Patterson. Presently they are under the leadership of Mrs. Shelia Austin and accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. Approximately 30 members, dressed in red and black, gave a wonderful performance. They sang from the music **Celebrate Jesus to the Glory of God**. Thus far the group has only made 2 public appearances. Mrs. Austin said they are open for invitations to sing in individual churches.

19. Rev. Gary Jennings, Pastor at ET and fill in CCM Director, gave a report on the upcoming Mission Blitz, scheduled for April 15. He emphasized appointments for the medical/dental van and encouraged us to

encourage Hispanic and Hmongs to sign up. He also promoted the training for the prayer walk and a “house rehabilitation” project in the Vashti area.

20. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Evangelism Director, presented a program in faith evangelism. An excerpt of a video on this topic was shown which explained how Sunday School and Evangelism are meshed together to bring others to salvation. Rev. Hamlin shared scripture in Mark 2 about the healing of the paralytic. He spoke of the importance of having an environment conducive for faith to work. He stressed that the pastor is of upmost importance in leading the church in evangelism. He needs a heart filled with passion and must be totally in support of the program.

Cheryl Hendron gave a personal testimony of how she accepted Christ when a Faith team witnessed to her on a Monday night and how God led her to become a part of the Faith program so she could share with others.

After closing remarks, Rev. Hamlin challenged us to be soul-winners and he closed in prayer.

21. Moderator, Kenneth Kerley announced the next meeting - July 13, at Hiddenite Baptist at 7:00.

22. Rev. Darren Lambert dismissed in prayer and people adjourned to the fellowship hall for a variety of good food prepared by Smyrna Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Fox

Music Report
Alexander Baptist Association
October 2000

The music emphasis within the association for the past year has focused on senior adults. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus for senior adults, has been formed and meets every second and fourth Tuesday. With a current membership of fifty-one, the *Singing Seniors* come from twelve different churches within the county. Ten Baptist Churches from the Alexander Baptist Association are represented. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus; Angela Johnson and Brenda Robertson serve as accompanists.

The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events throughout the past year. In October of 1999 the group performed at the Apple Festival sharing both secular and sacred music. The chorus delivered a program of choral music for the November Senior Adult Luncheon sponsored by the Alexander Baptist Association and held at Bethlehem Baptist Church. For the quarterly associational meeting at Millersville Baptist in January the *Singing Seniors* inspired the group with two gospel anthems. In May the chorus participated in the National Day of Prayer on the courthouse lawn, the Birthday Celebration for the Alexander County Hospital, and Golden Opportunities sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service held at Friendship Lutheran Church. Summer and fall church concerts featuring music from *Celebrate Jesus to the Glory of God*, arranged by Elmo Mercer, were given at Pilgrim, Lebanon, and Antioch Baptist Churches. Hiddenite Baptist Church will host a final fall concert October 29, 2000.

For the Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* are preparing the gospel musical, *Great Day* arranged by Mosie Lister. A Christmas Concert will be given at 6:30 p.m. on November 26, 2000, at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Other seasonal performances will include Christmas in Downtown Taylorsville and a visit to Valley Nursing Home in December.

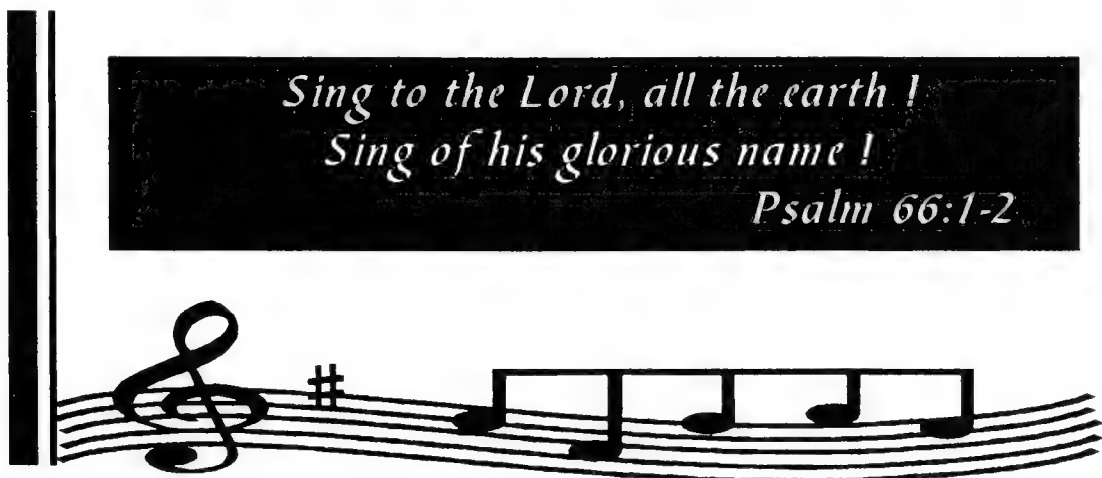
The *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with a large audience during the past year. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to "do all that we do to the glory of God."

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth !
Sing of his glorious name !*

Psalms 66:1-2



**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2000 - 2001**

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

	<u>2000-01</u>
<u>(CCM) Church & Community Missions Dir:</u>	Salary 2,400.00
	Travel 360.00
	Conference Allowance 150.00
<u>Secretary-Treasurer:</u>	Salary 14,447.00
	Insurance 2,607.00
	Conference 150.00
	Christmas Bonus 150.00
FICA Taxes (Secretary and CCM Dir.)	1,289.00
<u>Director of Missions:</u>	Salary 8,218.00
	Utilities/Housing 4,800.00
	Insurance (Medical & Hospital) 1,896.00
	Ministry Expense 200.00
	Travel 1,100.00
	Christmas Bonus 400.00
	Conventions 500.00
Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:	38,667.00

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities	3,600.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	2,500.00
General Supplies (Office Expenses)	2,000.00
Postage & Box Rental	2,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	750.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	225.00
General Conferences & Seminars	-0-
Media Center	1,000.00
Subtotal:	13,575.00

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	400.00
Baptist Men	200.00
Christian Life	100.00
Deaconship	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00
Evangelism	2,500.00
Hispanic Ministry	5,000.00
Hmong Ministry	2,400.00
Key Leadership	500.00
Missions Development - Toy Store/Missions Blitz	3,500.00
Music - Seniors and Children	1,000.00
Pastoral Ministries	150.00
Senior Adults	500.00
Stewardship	100.00
Sunday School	800.00
Vacation Bible School	700.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,000.00
Youth	1,400.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	900.00
Subtotal:	\$ 21,450.00
TOTAL:	\$ 73,692.00

Sunday School Director's Report

This past year has been an active year in our Baptist Sunday School departments. LifeWay implemented a new curriculum for the 2000-2001 Sunday School year. With changes being made to the literature many were in doubt as to what was needed for their church. On March 18, 2000, the association held a Sunday School clinic that helped shed some light on the new literature and in many ways helped the churches in our association decide what was needed for the upcoming Sunday School year.

Not only were changes made to the literature but changes were also made in the Sunday School departments on the state level. The North Carolina Baptist State Convention's Sunday School department has undergone some major changes to become more accessible to local churches. The State is now divided into ten regions with Alexander Baptist Association being in region seven. While the State Convention still has its on directors, such as Youth, Adult, Preschool, and so on, our region now has it's own directors. Due to this new structuring, each Spring the region seven Sunday School team will provide training for the Associational Sunday School leadership and in the Fall provide training for the Sunday School leadership in the individual churches.

It has been a year of change to say the least but there is still a lot of work to be done. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and hope to move our association forward in the area of our Sunday School department. I would also like to thank all of the leaders in our associational Sunday School department for their hard work and dedication this past year. With hard work and your prayers, we will strife to make Sunday School more than something we do before Sunday morning worship.

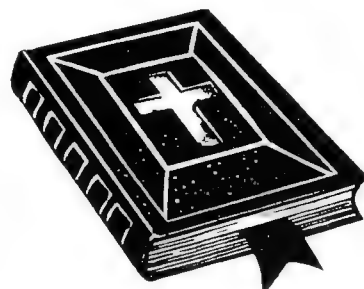
Respectfully Submitted,

Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

**Give instruction to a
wise man, and he will be yet
wiser: teach a just man, and
he will increase in learning.**



HISTORY OF HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hiddenite Baptist Church was organized on Sunday, June 20, 1915 as "the Baptist Church of Christ" at Hiddenite, NC. The presbytery consisted of Rev. J. P. Gwaltney, Rev. L. Parks Gwaltney and Rev. R. Lee Davis and deacons W. M. Lackey and B. F. Patterson of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church. The Charter Members were made up of 21 persons from Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, 4 persons from Bethel Baptist Church and Mrs. S. E. Lucas pending a letter from the First Baptist Church, Blacksburg, S.C.

This congregation first met in the abandoned wooden Hiddenite High School building and met there (at the present church site) until the brick building (built in 1929) which housed the congregation until 1977 when the present sanctuary and educational building was built. Other improvements have been made through the years to the building and property - with enlarged parking space just recently completed. a nice parsonage is presently located on Goble Road in Hiddenite.

J. C. Thomas and S. F. Cook were the first elected deacons and Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was the first pastor. The other 17 pastors that have served the church are as follows listed chronologically: E. V. Bumgarner, J. B. Eller, W. E. Linney, Charlie C. Holland, Jimmy Hayes, J. D. Whisnant, Homer Good, J. L. Wells (first full-time pastor), I. V. Couch, Odell W. Pully, Maurice Gilliam, Walter Howell, Eugene Warrick, James Hester, Rick Cash, Terry Ashe and the present pastor, Jason Guyer.

The Hmong Mission currently meets in the Fellowship Hall. It is sponsored by the Hiddenite Church, the Alexander Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention. This group meets every other Sunday from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall and some of the children, ages 3 through 18, meet on Wednesday nights for the new DiscipleLand Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

The Christian Life Commission of the Alexander Baptist Association was represented this year at our Key Leadership Training at East Taylorsville Baptist Church on Thursday, August 31. We were privileged to have as our Conference Leader, Stephen Sumeral, State Consultant with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

We strive to keep you informed and up to date on important issues that demand our attention. We encourage every Christian to take a Godly stand on the issues that will not only affect our lives today but that will determine the course of our future as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman

QUARTERLY SESSIONS PLANNING AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the recommendation of the Quarterly Sessions Planning and Place Committee:

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held at Mountain Ridge Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on January 4, 2001.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Three Forks Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on April 5, 2001.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on July 12, 2001.

The 114th Annual Session of the Association will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on October 4, 2001. The First Session will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, followed by a meal served at 6:00 PM at the church. The Second Session will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeff Bowden

WMU 1999-2000

The WMU Leadership Team for 1999-2000 was Diane Fox and Cathy Hartness, co-directors; Debbie Little, Women on Mission Consultant; and Trudy Perry and Karen Loudermelk, G.A. Consultants. The WMU Council made up of the leadership team and church directors met quarterly for planning, praise, and evaluating. WMU takes an active role in the promotion of mission offerings, projects, and support both on the associational and churchwide levels.

During the year, WMU has given assistance in projects such as providing school supplies to the CCC and local schools, helping to provide gifts for the inmates at the Raleigh Correctional Center, being involved in the Mission Blitz, Toy Store and CWJC. WMU played an active role in the On Mission Celebration held this past March.

Bethlehem Baptist hosted our World Day of Prayer on Nov. 2. Our annual meeting was held at East Taylorsville Baptist in April where a program was provided informing the members about the new CWJC beginning in our county. Four churches were represented at the Key Leadership Training in September.

WMU is thankful for the many opportunities that the Lord provides for us to minister, Pray that we will be open for future opportunities and that we will be good witnesses for Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Fox

Alexander Baptist Association
113th Annual Session
October 5, 2000

Theme:
"Together with God...On Mission"

Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director

Mt. Herman Baptist Church
US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC

First Session
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. – Call to Worship. ACHS Chamber Choir
Mr. Ron Vannoy, Director
Welcome, Devotion & Prayer. Rev. Paul Schronce, Host Pastor
Constitution of Session. Moderator
Recognition of Visitors. Moderator
Recognition of New Pastors/Staff. Rev. Bill Goble
Announcements. Moderator
Attendance Report. Miss Suzanne Goble
Order of Business. Rev. Keith Childers, Lebanon Church
4:25 P.M. Hymn. "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" . . . #604

Reports

Alexander 2000 Crusade Update. Rev. Craig Hamlin
Director of Missions & Calendar. Rev. Bill Goble
Treasurer. Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Budget & Finance. Moderator, Chairman
Campbell University. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs Church
NC Baptist Children's Homes. Dr. C.F. McDowell,
Exec. VP Special Ministries

Miscellaneous Business

Constitutional Amendment Approval. Moderator
Quarterly Meeting Places. Rev. Jeff Bowden
Dedication of 2000 Annual Minutes. Mrs. Bobbi Glass

5:25 P.M. Hymn. "We are Called to be God's People" #390
Introduction of Guest Speaker. Dr. Rick Jordan, Antioch Church
5:30 P.M. – Message. Dr. Tony Cartledge, Editor, Biblical Recorder
6:00 P.M. – Prayer of Thanksgiving – Adjourn for Dinner

Second Session
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. – Call to Worship. Mt. Herman Choir
Mr. Louis Robinson, Director
Devotional & Prayer. Rev. Dan Spears, Macedonia Church
Announcements & Welcome. Moderator

Focus on Missions

Christian Women's Job Corps. Mrs. Dianna Musselman
Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Roger Fox
Toy Store. Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville Church
Hymn. "Go Forth and Tell! O Church of God" #596
Hmong Ministry Presentation. Rev. Jason Guyer, Hiddenite Church

Mission Testimonies

Africa (Mozambique). Mrs. Junellyn Fortner, Mt. Olive Church
Alaska. Miss Virginia Austin, Antioch Church
Charleston, SC Outreach Program. Ms. Tammy Condrey & Youth,
Antioch Church
Romania. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks Church
Recognition of 2000-2001 Associational Leaders. Moderator
Hymn of Dedication & Benediction. "Be Strong in the Lord" #476

Prayer & Dismissal

***Highlights of the
Alexander Baptist Association
Annual Session
Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Thursday, October 5, 2000
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator, Presiding
Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director**

FIRST SESSION - 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

1. The ACHS Chamber Choir under the direction of Mr. Ron Vannoy provided the Call to Worship. The Choir sang **Psalms 139** and **He Never Failed Me Yet** featuring Tineshia Watts as soloist.
2. Host Pastor Rev. Paul Schronce thanked the Choir for their music and gave an enthusiastic welcome to everyone present for the 113th Annual meeting at Mt. Herman Baptist Church. Rev. Schronce emphasized our theme "Together with God... On Mission" and read from Acts chapter three. He talked about how Peter and John went together to work for our Lord. Rev. Schronce emphasized how we should work together as churches with God to do His will. Rev. Schronce also led in prayer.
3. The session was opened and called to order by Moderator Kenneth Kerley.
4. Moderator Kenneth Kerley recognized our guest visitors by asking them to stand and recognized Brother Coy Jeans from the Baptist Foundation.
5. Rev. Bill Goble recognized two new Pastors to the Association since our October meeting. Rev. Dan Spears of Macedonia Baptist Church and Rev. D.W. Chapman of Mt. Olive Baptist Church were introduced. Rev. Goble also recognized all the pastors present (six at this point in the meeting). Rev. Goble encouraged those present to show their appreciation to their pastor during Pastor Appreciation month.
6. Moderator Kenneth Kerley verified that all messengers present received a copy of the Book of Reports. He also reminded everyone that a meal would be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
7. Moderator Kenneth Kerley asked that anyone making a motion or second to stand, state their name and the church that they are representing. This is due to the new Associational Clerk and the need to correctly report those making motions
8. Moderator Kenneth Kerley made a special note of our theme. With our theme, "Together with God... On Mission" we are taking a look back at the past year and at all that God has allowed us as churches to do for Him on the mission fields.
9. Moderator Kenneth Kerley also thanked Bobbi Glass for all her hard work in preparing for the meeting, Suzanne Goble, Rev. Bill Goble and Miss Emilyn Wagner for all her years of service to the Association.

10. Moderator Kenneth Kerley noted that a change to the agenda was necessary to correctly count the number present and that the Attendance Report would be given at a later time.
11. Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator, made the motion to receive the program as the order of service for the session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe McDuffie of Little River and was approved by those present.
12. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Come, All Christians, Be Committed** after reading Romans 12:1 as an introduction to the song. The song challenges us to commit every area of our lives to the service of God. This commitment includes our hearts, time, talents, tithes, offerings, work and relationship with others. Mrs. Faye Carrigan accompanied the song on the piano.
13. Moderator Kenneth Kerley asked everyone to look at the *In Memoriam* page in the book of reports and asked Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator to lead in prayer following a moment of silence.

REPORTS:

14. Moderator Kenneth Kerley noted that Rev. Craig Hamlin could not be at the meeting and that Rev. Mike Runion would be giving the Alexander 2000 Crusade Update.
15. Rev. Runion, Three Forks, thanked Moderator Kenneth Kerley for all his work in the Crusade and asked several of the men that participated by chairing committees for the Crusade to say a few words. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, thanked everyone that had a part in preparing for the Crusade and talked about the wonderful spirit that was present. He expressed his thanks to God for the lives that were changed through salvation or rededication. Rev. Paul Schronce from Mt. Herman spoke on how everyone worked together preparing for the Crusade to reach the lost and to help the hurting. Rev. Keith Childers, chairman of the Finance committee, thanked everyone for making it easy to provide the funds for the Crusade. The budget started out at \$15,098 and an excess of \$4,400 was received. Rev. Childers from Lebanon also spoke about the spirit of churches cooperating in order to bring about the Crusade. Eleven of the churches in the Association contributed financially and five churches from outside of the Association contributed. Rev. Childers stated that only eternity will tell what God did through the Crusade and that He will bless every effort for Him. Rev. Mike Runion spoke about how Jesus repeatedly prayed in John 17 "Father, I pray that they be one that the world might know that you have sent me." He spoke of the theme of the Crusade, "That the World May Know," and thanked everyone that had any part of bringing lives to Christ.
16. Rev. Bill Goble noted that his report is provided in the Book of Reports and that it details the activities he has participated in this past year. He also noted that this week marks his 5th year with the Association. He noted the two major events held this year, an On Missions Celebration and the Associational Crusade. A Key Leadership Conference was also held and the Toy Store will be held again this year.
17. Rev. Bill Goble discussed the Digest of Churches and he compared last year's information with this year's information. There were several significant changes this year. There were fewer baptisms and VBS enrollment was lower this year. Brotherhood enrollment is also low and Mission expenditures are approximately \$300,000 less. (He noted that this might be a mistake.)

18. Rev. Bill Goble noted the calendar of events for the coming year as provided in the Book of Reports. He noted that the calendar was tentative and that changes would be made in order to provide for other events. He proposed that the calendar of events be used for the 2000-2001 Associational year.
19. Mrs. Bobbi Glass gave the treasurer's report for the year. She noted the items that were over or under budget. The van was over by \$600 due to unexpected repairs. Insurance was over budget due to increased costs. The copier was under budget and the Evangelism budget of \$2,500 was used entirely for the Crusade. General supplies and postage was up mostly due to the Christian Women's Job Corp. Bobbi noted that the Association is reimbursed each month for the CWJC's expenses by the Alexander County Social Services. The Media Center's budget was down and the VBS budget is over. The new Resource Center building is completely paid for but we did have a few more expenses. A new sign for the building was added (thanks to Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville, and his crew for their work), window treatments, some yard work was completed and a water cooler installed. Mr. Bob Brewington of Mt. Herman made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Dewey Austin of Antioch seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
20. The Moderator announced that the budget had been voted on during the July meeting.
21. Rev. Steve Parks, pastor of Sulphur Springs and a member of the Board of Ministers for Campbell University gave a report on the University. He spoke about the great opportunity that exists for our young people to attend a Christian university. The University presents Christian principles to students and fosters this in their daily lives.

Campbell is the second largest of 36 private universities and colleges in North Carolina. It is among the largest of the nations 53 Baptist universities and colleges. Today there are five Baptist universities and colleges supported by the NC Baptist State Convention.

22. Moderator Kenneth Kerley introduced Dr. C.F. McDowell, Executive Vice President of Special Ministries at the NC Baptist Children's Homes.
23. Dr. C.F. McDowell represents not only the Baptist Children's Homes but also the Baptist Retirement Homes and the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

NC Baptist Children's Home was founded in 1885 and will celebrate their 115th anniversary on November 11. Founded in Thomasville, NC Baptist Children's Homes currently has 12 facilities with a new facility for boys that will be opened in Franklin in November. The current operating budget for the Baptist Children's Homes is \$16.7 million statewide. Dr. McDowell also mentioned that 5 cents or 75 percent of every dollar that is given to the Cooperative Program goes back to the Baptist Children's Homes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

24. Miss Suzanne Goble gave the attendance report. Fifteen churches are represented with 41 messengers (8 pastors) and 15 guests. Of the 80 potential church messengers, we had 41 present or 51 percent representation.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Church	
Antioch	4	2	6	
Bethlehem	3	0	3	
Beulah	0	0	0	
Calvary	0	0	0	
East Taylorsville	1	0	1	
First Baptist	1	3	4	
Hiddenite	2	0	2	
Lebanon	4	0	4	
Linney's Grove	4	0	4	
Little River	3	2	5	
Macedonia	2	0	2	
Millersville	1	1	2	
Mt. Herman	4	15	19	
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0	
Pilgrim	4	1	5	
Pleasant Hill	3	0	3	
Smyrna	1	0	1	
Stony Point	0	0	0	
Three Forks	4	1	5	
Total	41	25	66	51%
Annual Session				
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25. Moderator Kenneth Kerley asked that everyone turn to page 12 of the Book of Reports for the constitutional amendments that were discussed at the July quarterly session. He noted the method for making a constitutional amendment. Rev. Jeff Bowden of Bethlehem made the motion to accept Amendment 1 and Rev. Paul Schronce of Mt. Herman seconded the motion. Amendment 1 was to move July quarterly meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month in order to avoid any conflict with the July 4th holiday. Mr. Robert Austin, parliamentarian and Rev. Paul Schronce counted the votes. The vote consisted of 36 members voting for the amendment and no opposition to the amendment. Rev. William Wease of Linney's Grove made the motion to accept Amendment 2 and Mr. Dewey Austin of Antioch seconded the motion. Amendment 2 was to add the Parliamentarian and the Associational Music Director to the Executive Council. Mr. Robert Austin and Rev. Paul Schronce counted the votes. Motion carried with 42 for the amendment and no opposition.
26. In other business, Dr. Rick Jordan from Antioch mentioned considering moving the session in January also. This will be considered at the next Executive Council meeting.

27. Rev. Darren Lambert from Pleasant Hill inquired where a listing of the Executive Council could be found. He also made a motion that the Executive Council be listed in the Book of Reports as well as their function. Rev. Dan Spears from Macedonia seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
28. Rev. Jeff Bowden from Bethlehem reported on the locations of the quarterly meetings for the coming year and thanked Mt. Herman and the other churches for hosting the annual and quarterly meetings. Pleasant Hill will host the Annual Session in October. Rev. Bowden noted that the Book of Reports listed the locations of the quarterly meetings.
29. Mrs. Bobbi Glass presented the dedication of the 113th Minutes of the Annual session to Rev. Bill Goble. See page one of the 2000 Annual for the dedication.
30. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **We are Called to be God's People** after an introduction of the song. Mrs. Faye Carrigan accompanied the song on the piano.

MESSAGE:

31. Dr. Rick Jordan, Antioch introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Tony Cartledge. Dr. Jordan spoke of his first-hand knowledge of both Tony and his wife Jan. He had met Jan while they both were serving as youth directors at different churches. Dr. Cartledge is currently the Editor of the Biblical Recorder and has served as pastor of churches in Georgia and North Carolina.
32. Dr. Tony Cartledge spoke on the purpose of the Biblical Recorder, which is to provide information to its readers regarding important issues. The Recorder's purpose is also to provide inspiration, support and encouragement resources to its readers. His goal is to provide material to make you think, to help clarify what you think and resources that support and encourage readers. For years, the Recorder has provided Sunday school lesson commentaries and has started resources pages for youth and children. Beginning 2001 resources for seniors will be available.

Dr. Cartledge's text for his message was from First Thessalonians 1:1-10. He spoke on how the church was formed by a group of missionaries, Paul and Silas, who were "together with God on missions." Dr. Cartledge presented an inspiring message on essential elements (work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness) in a growing church.

Dr. Cartledge ended his message in prayer. "That we may live as an example to others so that they might see Jesus and come to know His grace and experience faith and come to share His love and have a life that is built upon the hope we have in Christ."
33. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Dr. Cartledge for his inspiring message. He reminded us of the meal that the ladies of Mt. Herman had prepared and that is being served in the Fellowship Hall. He encouraged everyone to stay for both the meal and for the second session.
34. Mr. David Griffin dismissed in a prayer of thanks.

SECOND SESSION - 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

35. Mrs. Kathryn Bowman, organist and Mrs. Faye Carrigan, pianist provide the prelude for the beginning of the second session of the 113th Alexander Baptist Association Annual Session.
36. The Mt. Herman Choir under the direction of Mr. Louis Robinson provided the Call to worship. The choir sang **Constantly Abiding Care** and **A New Name in Glory**.
37. Moderator Kenneth Kerley introduced Rev. Dan Spears who presented a devotional and prayer to open the second session. As Rev. Spears came to the podium, Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, praised God for salvation for a new name in glory.
38. Rev. Dan Spears from Macedonia led the devotion "What Have I Done Now?" by reading the text from Micah 6:1-8. Rev. Spears reflected on times when we question our actions and led in prayer.
39. Moderator Kenneth Kerley welcomed back those who had stayed for the meal and welcomed those that had just arrived to the meeting.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

40. Moderator Kenneth Kerley introduced Mrs. Dianna Musselman. Mr. Kerley announced that Dianna had been approved by the North American Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention to be our part-time Church and Community Ministry Coordinator.
41. In her opening words, Mrs. Dianna Musselman thanked everyone for their support in allowing the CWJC to become a ministry in the community. The ministry started over six months ago and has come a long way with the help of the Lord and the community. She urged everyone to help out as a mentor/Christian role model if the Lord is directing you in that path. The clients have varying degrees of needs and the mentor is an integral part of the ministry. There are specific needs that need to be met that only God can fulfill. Some clients can't be helped because the right mentor has not been found and some mentors have not been paired with a client. There will be a mentor training session on Saturday, November 4 from 9am to 3pm. The ministry pairs a client with a mentor as God directs. Mrs. Musselman closed by stating that her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
42. Mr. Roger Fox a Board of Director member of Habitat for Humanity spoke about the non-profit Christian housing projects in the community. The ministry seeks to help families that cannot help themselves. The current project is about ninety-five percent complete. He stated that families along with the volunteers work on the house. The typical home in this area, including land, costs about \$45,000 and is a two or three bedroom home depending on the size of the family. A goal of Habitat for Humanity is for all churches and denominations to come together in this outreach ministry. There are typically five to fifteen volunteers on the house site each Saturday to help build. They are currently seeking funds for their second house in the Taylorsville city limits. Approximately \$25,000 is needed to complete the funding for this new house and he requested that churches consider helping with special offerings or through budgets as well as through volunteers.

Mr. Fox gave a brief history of the ministry that was founded in 1976 by millionaire Millard Fuller. The ministry has built over 100,000 houses. The ministry works on Biblical principles and ten percent of funds raised goes toward building houses overseas. For example, in Alexander County for every house built, two houses can be built overseas. The ministry teaches the family how to maintain the house financially and through healthy habits. Most families don't know Christ and the ministry tries to meet the families' spiritual and physical needs. The house is sold to the family for material cost and any professional labor. The payments are made to Habitat for Humanity over a twenty-year loan at zero percent interest.

Mr. Fox can be reached at 635-7889.

43. Rev. Gary Jennings from East Taylorsville, informed everyone that paperwork for the new sites that Mr. Fox discussed was ready and that the three houses would take the ministry through the next two years. Rev. Jennings discussed the fact that with Mrs. Dianna Musselman coming on board he would be able to devote more time to mission's development. A specific mission outreach opportunity is the Toy Store.

In its third year of operation, the Toy Store is one of the most successful operations that the association sponsors. The ABA founded Toy Store is a co-operative effort of the Crisis Center and The Salvation Army. Last year, the Toy Store served over 200 families during scheduled hours and 15 families after it closed.

Information packets will be sent out to all churches around November 1. Volunteers are needed to organize the Toy Store on December 11 and 12 and to assist with distributing the toys on December 13 and 14. Baptist Men's groups are asked to set up tables on Sunday evening so that the volunteers can begin arranging the store on Monday morning. It is suggested that toys be collected by age through mission or Sunday school specific groups.

A missionary through East Taylorsville is going to donate Avon products to the Toy Store if a truck can be sent to Florida to pick up the products. Throughout the year, Avon gives this missionary over \$2million worth of products that he distributes in nursing homes. He has many products that would be suitable for the teen age group.

Rev. Jennings continued by saying how that God has truly blessed this mission and supplies the needs. He told of how that last year when the 'meal barrel' was almost empty, someone from Habitat brought several boxes of candy. Last year several churches concentrated on donating bicycles. Even though the bicycles lasted the two days, Rev. Jennings urges more churches to donate bicycles. This year the bicycles will be distributed through playing "Wheel of Fortune" instead of on a first come first serve basis. As a consolation prize, families not receiving a bicycle will receive a blanket (we had enough left over from last year). All families aided by the Toy Store will be given a set of towels.

Rev. Jennings has a special burden to reach the families that are helped through this ministry. If you have had EE, CWT, FAITH or soul winning training, they are going to train all workers so that they will be able to discuss their relationship with Christ during their visit to the Toy Store. The workers will collect names and address of non-church families so that churches in their area can share Christ with them.

44. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Go Forth and Tell O Church of God** after an introduction of the song. As an introduction, Mrs. Austin reminded us of the challenge in Acts 1:8 to widen the circle of those who hear the gospel. Mrs. Faye Carrigan, pianist and Mrs. Kathryn Bowman, organist accompanied the song.
45. Rev. Jason Guyer from Hiddenite presented information regarding the Hmong Ministry and introduced the workers in this ministry. Although there are several churches in the association involved in the ministry, it is not widely known about in the county and there is much work to be done in the Asian/Hmong population.

Statistically, North Carolina has the fifth largest Hmong population in any state. Alexander County has the largest concentration of Hmong population in the state. A mission opportunity in our back doors, we have a wonderful opportunity to reach out and lead these folks to the Lord. Rev. Guyer mentioned the large trust barrier that exists and the difficulty in overcoming this barrier. We need to increase the awareness of the ministry that is sponsored by Hiddenite Church. Antioch Church provides a van and a driver for the Wednesday night services as well as workers. Bethlehem Church also provides workers for this eighteen-month-old ministry.

There are numerous families that have not been reached and undoubtedly several families that are unknown. Toua Khang is the current lay spiritual leader and has been working diligently in the ministry. Rev. Guyer and the Hmong ministry committee are seeking a pastor and to set goals for the church. They are asking for all churches to inquire about getting involved in the ministry. Around the first of the year, they will seek more workers and additional financial support for the church.

The ministry is two-fold and meets every other Sunday morning. During Sunday school hour, the children are in Sunday school while the adults are being taught English so that they may obtain their citizenship. Rev. Guyer mentioned how God directs in the ministry. The first couple to receive their citizenship was saved the previous Sunday.

Rev. Guyer presented a video which will be available in the Associational office on the Hmong ministry in Alexander County.

46. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Rev. Guyer and Hiddenite Church for what they are doing with this ministry. He stated that we have an opportunity to do mission work right outside our front door. Moderator Kerley introduced the next portion of the session, Mission Testimonies.

MISSION TESTIMONIES

47. Mrs. Junellyn Fortner from Mt. Olive spoke on her missionary trips. Over the years, her church has sponsored her and her husband on several missionary trips. Her trip to Mozambique, Africa this past spring was scheduled to be a disaster relief trip. When she and her husband learned of the trip and felt led to go on the trip, but wondered where the money would be found. Once their church found out about the mission trip, the plane fare was provided.

Mrs. Fortner spoke of several experiences she had while on this mission trip. She shared how the gospel was shared with the natives of Mozambique. As a conclusion,

Mrs. Fortner read Philippians 4:8 (New International): "Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about each thing. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me, put into practice and the God of Peace will be with you." Her most precious memory from the trip was the faces that she saw and the pure, innocent love that the people had for her. She thanked her church and the Lord for the opportunity to witness.

48. Miss Virginia Austin from Antioch church spoke on her mission trip to Alaska during the summer through the NC Baptist Partnership with Alaska. The Brotherhood director at East Maiden Baptist Church in Maiden arranged the trip that Miss Austin participated in. Miss Austin's brother, Rev. Nathaniel Austin, is the pastor of the East Maiden Baptist Church. Miss Austin was one of fifteen people that traveled to Anchorage, Alaska. They traveled about 30 miles north of Anchorage and worked with Birchwood Community Church. She gave a history of how Eagle River First Baptist Church began and how it has grown throughout the years.
49. Ms. Tammy Condrey and two youth from Antioch spoke on the SC Outreach Program in Charleston. Tabitha Brewer, Sarah Teague and several other youth and adults from Antioch participated in an outreach this summer in Charleston, SC. The program is a year round program that has numerous outreach opportunities. Some of the ministries include construction, beach ministry, seafarers' ministry and a multi-housing ministry. The goal of this ministry is to hold ten-week Backyard Bible Studies in a multi-housing unit during the summer with a different youth group each week. The plans also include continuing the ministry in the fall by the area churches. Ms. Condrey, Miss Brewer and Miss Teague shared their experience working in the Seafarers and beach ministries.
50. Rev. Mike Runion from Three Forks spoke on his trip Romania. By the grace of God and with the assistance of Three Forks, he has been able to go on two trips to Romania. They have seen God do a wonderful work and he has come back impressed with two things with the mission to Romania.

The first thing that impressed Rev. Runion was the willingness of the people to worship. The people are hungry for worship. He spoke about several of the worship services that were held and the overflowing churches.

The second thing that impressed him was how much the people loved the Word of God. Rev. Runion talked about wanting to buy a Romanian Bible and how the interpreter told him that he could not buy a Bible. The group had taken over one thousand Bibles and gave them away in less than ten minutes. The last Bible he gave away was to a little old lady and when she received the Bible, she kissed it and said "God bless you." He went on to say that we live in a place where we do not respect the Bible like we once did. We live in a place that considers the Bible a myth or a fairy tale. However, the people of Romania cherish the Word.

Rev. Runion challenged us all to go back to our churches and volunteer to go and tell others about Jesus. He also urged us to go back to our churches with a new attitude and a renewed spirit that we can send people to foreign lands to tell them about Jesus.

51. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked everyone for their attendance and expressed how he enjoyed all that had been shared through the focus on missions. He also recognized the Associational leaders and reminded us that every person that takes a part in this organization has an important job to do. He asked that we would pray that we will all work together to bring about the work of the Lord and was thankful for everyone's willingness to serve the Lord.
52. Moderator Kerley led in prayer and then Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
53. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Be Strong in the Lord**. As an introduction, Mrs. Austin reminded us that God has equipped for the task and as His children we are constantly under His protection and to be strong in the Lord as we serve Him. Mrs. Kathryn Bowman, organist and Mrs. Faye Carrigan, pianist accompanied the song.
54. Rev. Darren Lambert from Pleasant Hill dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Goble, Clerk

* This is a short version of the annual minutes. The entire message and testimonies may be viewed at the Association office.

MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mt. Herman Baptist Church was organized in 1912 with 72 charter members.

The Alexander Baptist Association first met here in 1917 and has been host church six other times, the last year being 1993. History of the church is recorded in past minutes.

Dwight Austin was pastor when the Association met here in 1993. He resigned in 1995. Rev. Charlie Fouche was called as pastor in 1996 and resigned in December 1997.

Mt. Herman is a mission-minded church with mission organizations including Brotherhood, Baptist Women, Acteens, G.A.'s, and Mission Friends, all of which meet once a month.

We have had volunteers to go on mission trips to Russia, Brazil and to the east coast to help flood victims to rebuild homes and churches. We have also sent money to help rebuild and money to go toward building a library at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Many improvements have been made in our church since 1993. Rooms under the sanctuary have been renovated for two Sunday School Classrooms and a Youth Room with air and heat. A new sound system has been installed with a CD and mini-disk player added. Two television sets, two VCR's, a new copier and computer were also purchased.

Lights have been installed in the parking lot and our security and fire alarm systems have been updated.

In 1998 By Laws were adopted and the church was incorporated.

The parsonage has been completely renovated on the inside and the grounds newly landscaped.

In July 2000 we called Barry Shew as our Youth Director.

Our present pastor is Rev. Paul Schronce. He came to serve as Pastor on October 1, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley, Chair
History Committee

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved by the Alexander Baptist Association in the 113th Annual Session that we are truly grateful for another year - and into a new millennium - in which we could serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to the Pastors and Members of Millersville Baptist Church, Smyrna Baptist Church, and Hiddenite Baptist Church for their warm hospitality, and the fellowship and food that was provided for us at the Quarterly Sessions. A special thanks goes to Pastor Paul Schronce and Members of Mt. Herman Baptist Church for the extra preparations that were made for us at our Annual Session on October 5, 2000. We are thankful for the delicious meal which was prepared for us and for the wonderful fellowship.

We appreciate the leadership of Director of Missions Rev. William Goble (Bill), Moderator Kenneth Kerley, Secretary Bobbi Glass, and Clerk Suzanne Goble.

We were blessed by the speakers and express our gratitude to those involved in planning these sessions.

We appreciate Rev. Gary Jennings, Leader of our Missions Development Team; our Moderator, Kenneth Kerley; our Vice-Moderator Rev. Keith Childers; Rev. Mike Runion (Three Forks); Rev. Paul Schronce (Mt. Herman); and Rev. Darren Lambert (Pleasant Hill) and many others for their unending efforts and many hours involved in putting together the Alexander County Crusade 2000.

We thank all who helped the Association in any way in the last year. By your actions you have challenged us all to be more dedicated Christians - to help us proclaim Jesus Christ at home and abroad. Let us continue to do His work.

Respectfully,

Betty Lovette
Resolutions Committee Member

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships" is not just a slogan. It is a foundational statement of philosophy. In our ministry, relationships are everything — relationships with children, with families, with placement agencies, with our own families and churches, and with each other. We are blessed by God in this work because we honor God in relationships.

During the QSTQR emphasis, all BCH staff at every ministry point have made extra efforts to strengthen relationships with the people we encounter. We have incorporated the terms quality, service and relationships into a plan of action. We have reflected our desire for quality relationships in everything we do in order to deliver quality services that change lives. QSTQR, celebrating the mission . . . the millennium . . . the ministry, was BCH's theme from Easter, 1999 through Thanksgiving, 2000.

Through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, hundreds of children and families are given new hope for their futures. . .

Children like Linda and her two younger sisters. Linda feared for their well being. It was her responsibility to care for her sisters. Linda remembers moving to a shelter where she finally felt they were safe; there was enough food for the sisters and warm beds. The three children were later placed at BCH. Now, Linda is in a place where others care for her. Linda has discovered God cares for her, too.

The McDonalds found the challenge of being a blended family difficult at times. Their son began to exhibit anger toward his parents. He would challenge their authority and began getting in trouble with some neighborhood kids. The situation was getting out of control. Corey's parents called BCH, where they found a staff willing to embrace their family with hope. Today, Corey has begun to deal with his anger, mistrust and behavior issues. His parents are learning how to better communicate with each other and with Corey.

During the past year, BCH served 1800 children and families through 13 facilities statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change homes for girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping for boys in Cameron; emergency care cottages at the residential campuses and in Waynesville and Asheville; and a model day care center in Thomasville.

In 2000, BCH began a new, innovative ministry caring for developmentally disabled adults and their families. Our Trustees unanimously approved a major undertaking this year by committing more than \$3.5 million to replace, repair, construct and make-much needed improvements at every BCH location. Most of the work is complete. You are invited to visit our cam-

puses and other facilities to see first hand the difference you are helping us to make.

The commitment to quality has been a cornerstone of this institution since its beginning. **“Quality Service Through Quality Relationships”** was a 20-month public demonstration of this cornerstone. The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. Significant growth has been realized during this period. BCH has dedicated new structures at Odum Home, Cameron Boys Camp, Kennedy Home, Broyhill and Mills Home campuses and added new work in Waynesville and Asheville as well as Moody Home, Care House, Noel Group Home. Several significant anniversaries have been observed: the 85th of Kennedy Home in Kinston, the 30th of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the 20th of Cameron Boys Camp, the 40th annual Western Area Conference, and the 115th anniversary of Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina.

To help commemorate BCH’s 115th anniversary and to celebrate the impact QSTQR has had on staff and children, approximately 600 children, administrators, childcare workers, social workers and staff were brought together June 28, 2000 from around the state for a day of inspiration, fellowship, food and fun. **“The Family Gathering”** was held at Mills Home where BCH began in 1885. This is the first time all the Baptist Children’s Homes’ “family” have been together at the same place and at the same time.

Baptist Children’s Homes QSTQR emphasis will culminate at Thanksgiving. We invite you to attend BCH’s 30 minute presentation at the 2000 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 2:10 pm. We encourage you to be part of our ambitious \$1 million Thanksgiving Offering goal. That number may seem enormous, but there is also enormous need. For all the good North Carolina Baptists are doing to help children and families, there is still so much that needs to be done. We are confident our churches will help us meet this important goal!

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, and individual gifts, memorials, honors, bequests and estate gifts help enable us fulfill our mission statement: **“helping hurting children . . . healing broken families.”**

North Carolina’s **“largest family”** is grateful to North Carolina Baptists for prayers and support. To secure a video or a speaker for your church, or for information about our services, please call (336) 474-1209.

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Ward F. Mullis, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Baptist Retirement Homes: “A Half-Century of Service”



For almost 50 years, the front porch has been a favorite spot of residents and guests at The Taylor House in Albemarle. This residence is an assisted living community made possible by the gifts of North Carolina Baptists.

Hamilton Home in Hamilton and The Taylor House in Albemarle, communities that offer assisted living services. Later this year the “Homes” will begin construction on a new community — The Gardens of Taylor Glen, a continuing care community near Concord.

The generous support the “Homes” has received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled it to make a unique promise to its residents: *whatever the future may hold, Baptist Retirement Homes will care for them for the rest of their lives.* Keeping this promise means overcoming many challenges. By 2020 North Carolinians past retirement age will make up 20 percent of the population. While medical science has prolonged life, the effects of aging are often intensified and extended over many years. Many Older Adults exhaust their personal resources and look to the “Homes” for significant financial assistance.

Still Baptist Retirement Homes stands ready to make good its promise of ongoing compassionate and quality care.

In March 2001, the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina will celebrate 50 years of service to Older Adults. It has been a wonderful half-century, and the “Homes” is thankful for the privilege of sharing in the life journeys of thousands of “Aging Saints.”

The quality of life the “Homes” has brought to these Older Adults has been its best measure of success as it has helped ensure that residents live out their lives with autonomy, dignity, and comfort. The “Homes” dream is to make life for North Carolina Older Adults what God intended it to be... “The Best of Times.”

The “Homes” corporation now owns and operates four retirement communities across the state: the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, a continuing care community offering independent living, assisted living and nursing care; the Western North Carolina Home in Asheville, a community that offers assisted living and nursing care; and the

***Whatever the future may hold,
Baptist Retirement Homes will care for
its residents for the rest of their lives.***

Baptist Elder Care Network

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Tony W. Cartledge, Ph.D., Editor/President

***Biblical Recorder* Associational Report**

June, 2000

Since 1833, the *Biblical Recorder* has served North Carolina Baptists as the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention. Founded by Thomas Meredith, the *Biblical Recorder* was owned and operated as a private enterprise until 1938, when the paper was purchased by and incorporated as an agency of the Baptist State Convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* promotes God's kingdom work in accordance with its mission statement: ***"Our Mission is to further Christ's kingdom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."***

As an agency belonging to all North Carolina Baptists, the *Biblical Recorder* provides balanced news coverage of Baptist news from throughout the state and reflects opinions representative of the diversity that is typical of our churches. The *Recorder* also includes periodic features designed to offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers.

In keeping with current needs, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a frequently used site on the World Wide Web. This site (www.biblicalrecorder.org) offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features are being added to make the site an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The *Biblical Recorder* works in partnership with the Baptist State Convention and receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible to offer the *Recorder* for just pennies per issue. The *Biblical Recorder* has not raised subscription rates in five years, but a string of steep postage hikes will almost certainly necessitate modest increases in subscription prices beginning in 2001.

Currently, the annual rates (including tax) are:

- ◆ Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - \$7.42
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Camp Caraway

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TOM BEAM - DIRECTOR



August 30, 2000

Dear Director of Missions,

We just finished the 38th summer of camp at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. Over 1,000 boys attended this summer. We had 90 boys become Christians, 305 make commitments to Christ and 60 boys feeling God calling them into some type of ministry. We raised \$2,669.85 for "The Rock Camp" in South Africa and we raised \$1,146.92 for World Hunger. Just from these few statistics alone you can see what an impact Camp has on many boys lives.

As we have been evaluating this past summer we have been trying to study trends from Baptist Associations and Churches throughout our state concerning attendance at camp. We have noticed that over the past four years very few from your association have attended Camp Caraway. This may be for a number of reasons; distance from Asheboro possibly being a major one or not enough promotion on our part.

In speaking to different RA groups I have found many boys who are very excited about camp. Some of these groups are even from your association or around your association. We need you to be an advocate for camp to these boys and to the churches they attend. Also, Caraway is not just a camp for RA groups. We want Caraway to be a camp for all boys to attend. Caraway is a very good camp to promote throughout your association as a camp for boys concentrating on Christian values and the importance of living out a Christian lifestyle 24 hours a day. All boys are welcome to attend whether or not they are in a Royal Ambassador group or whether or not their church has a Royal Ambassador program.

I will be more than happy to work out a time to where I can speak to churches in your Association about Camp Caraway and the wonderful ministry provided. I am enclosing a brochure about camp and a registration form for the summer of 2001. Please feel free to copy the registration form as many times as you need. Also you will be receiving a Resource Guide for RA's which will have a registration form included. You will also receive a packet around January 2001 that will have many opportunities for boys to participate in state level RA events, in which will also have a brochure and registration form.

Some Associations promote camp as their association week. We would be more than happy to recognize all the churches from your association while they are at camp.

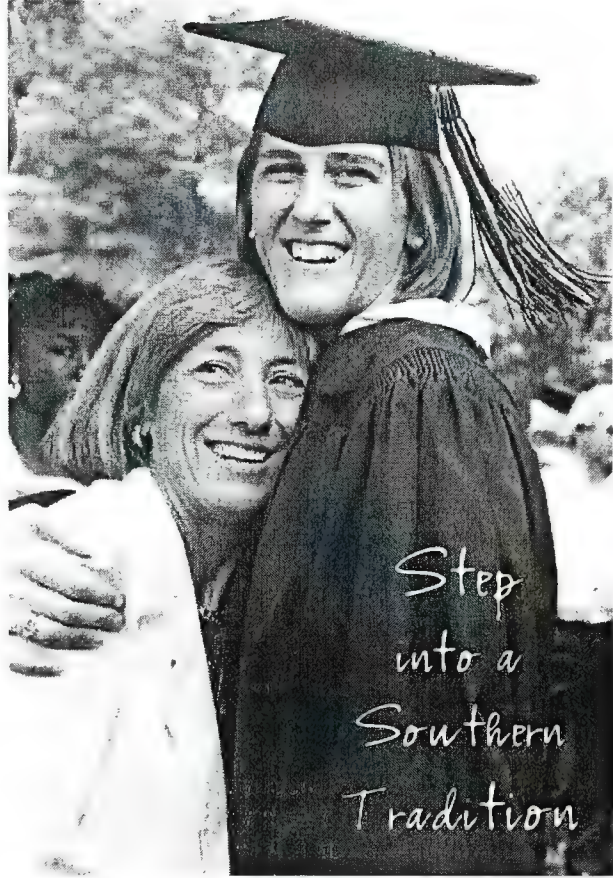
And last but not least, we want to make promoting Camp Caraway worth your while. We will send to you after next summer a Camp Caraway T-shirt and Camp Caraway Baseball Hat if we have an increase of boys from your association attend camp.

I hope you can sense the excitement I have about Camp Caraway. Over 6,000 boys have made the decision to follow Christ during the past 38 years of Camp. Let us help you help boys in your area come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives.

In Christ,

Tom Beam
Camp Caraway Summer Camp Director

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 2000

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of this great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that His light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

A. Christian Values

- a. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Fifth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.
- b. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 15,000 copies have been mailed.
- c. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians (particularly in Sudan) through email alerts and radio.
- d. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust".
- e. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.
- f. Participated in the National Day of Prayer.
- g. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention and the East and West Districts of the Wesleyan Church conferences.
- h. Worked in the General Assembly to stop a bill that would allow physicians to take immediate custody of a child that they felt had been abused. The bill died in committee.

B. Radio

"Christians In Action", Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, started Monday, January 3, 2000. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. We will begin airing this program on Aug. 7 on New Bern (WAAE, 91.9 FM). Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

C. Gambling

- a. Video Poker Machines - The Christian Action League worked round the clock to get video poker banned in this state. We failed getting the ban but were successful in getting SB 1542 to strengthen the law and restrict the operation and expansion of video gambling in the state. We will work vehemently next session in pushing for a ban.
- b. Joined Christian Coalition in survey on how Gubernatorial candidates stood on lottery/released results in newsletter.
- c. Next session the Christian Action League will be on the front line in the Legislature fighting a state-sponsored lottery.

D. Abortion

- a. CAL has purchased the rights through donations of a surgical procedure on a 21-week old fetus that proves that partial-birth abortion is murder. We want to see this picture used extensively in making our case for the pro-life agenda.
- b. CAL participated in the Right to Life Rally held in Raleigh.

E. Alcohol

- a. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January 11, 2000, and there are three scheduled for a September referendum. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials.
- b. Worked in the General Assembly for passage of HB 1499-Interlock/Open Container law. This bill bans open alcohol containers in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on the highway or highway right-of-way. The bill was ratified on July 13.

E. Pornography

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public of the internet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

G. Homosexuality

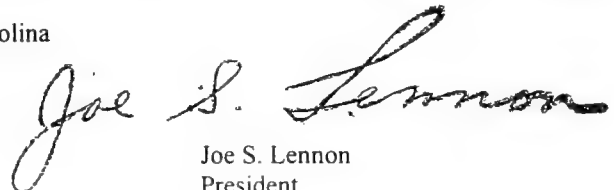
CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our email alert.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send out an email alert every Friday to over 150 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.



Reverend Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

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Joe S. Lennon
President

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Christian higher education represents one of our enduring values as North Carolina Baptists. From the founding of our Convention in 1830, we have supported Christian higher education. Our churches, associations, and state have benefited as a result.

Last year North Carolina Baptists provided special scholarship assistance to members from our churches who chose to attend one of our affiliated colleges or universities. Sixty-eight out of eighty associations were represented among the hundreds of students who received this special Convention sponsored scholarship assistance.

The institutions matched the Convention's support of these Baptists students through institutional support. For every dollar provided to students through the Cooperative Program, the institutions matched it with \$2.50 of additional financial assistance. Forty-five percent (45%) of the on-campus student populations are Baptists.

In addition to support of undergraduates, North Carolina Baptists assisted 297 divinity school students last year. This financial assistance was made possible through churches giving through optional giving Plans B and C. Members from our churches who have sensed God's call upon their lives to serve as ministers or missionaries are eligible to receive a theological educational grant from the Convention.

If a student pursues their degree from the divinity schools at Gardner-Webb or Campbell, the student is eligible to receive a grant of \$8,100. If a student pursues his or her theological education from other institutions, the student is eligible to receive a grant of \$3,000 for their studies.

Reverend Shane Kirby recently graduated from the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. Upon graduation, Mr. Kirby said, *"I couldn't be more happy that I was able to obtain my master's at a North Carolina Baptist institution. I look at it like the Baptists of this state invested in me. Now, I feel a sense of responsibility to the good people of my denomination to serve them."*

North Carolina Baptists can take pride in graduates, like Mr. Kirby, who want to serve our Lord and his churches in North Carolina.

Without the faithful support of the Cooperative Mission Budget of the Baptist State Convention, opportunities for our members to attend Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill or Wingate would not be possible.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for your continued support of Christian higher education in our state.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

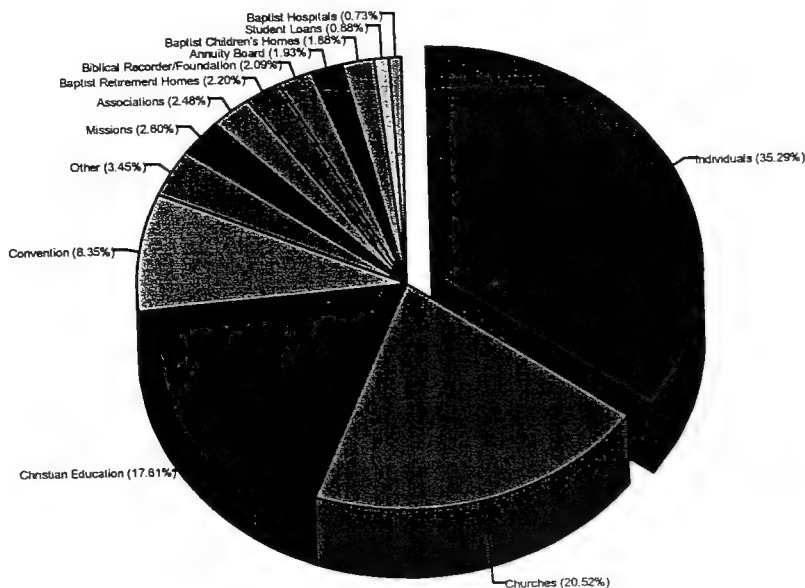
During 1999, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 20 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$3.8 million and received \$2.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 122 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance.

As of December 31, 1999, the Foundation held \$93,355,200 under management. This is an increase of more than \$12.5 million over 1998. During 1999, \$1,864,044 was distributed to individuals and \$3,418,543 to Baptist work for a total distribution of \$5,282,587. During the 80-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$16,081,204 has been distributed to individuals and \$25,723,551 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$41,804,755.

Terry Alford, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.
1999 Distributions



Report to 2000 the Associations



HOSPITAL CONTINUES THE MISSION

In May of 2000 The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. celebrated 77 years of regional, national, and international service. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the initial vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the hospital opened the convention stated the reason for doing so was: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1999 the MDO amounted to \$531,452. These funds were used exclusively to help patients who had minimal or no health care insurance and had no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over \$200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches in North Carolina.

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

During the year the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday as well as services in the J. Paul Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. The Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program graduated 65 students.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc., continues to develop its ministries. There are now 16 Christian counseling centers located across the state. The newest center is now open in Greenville and is the staging ground for serving northeast North Carolina. During the year these professionally staffed centers provided 27,293 hours of Christian counseling, making CareNet the largest pastoral counseling system in the United States.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to develop its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include Intentional Interim Ministry, strategic planning, staff and team development, and conflict management. **Resources for ministers** include Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. The Center has served an average of 21 North Carolina Baptist congregations a month during the past year.

FACTS ABOUT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

- With more than 9,600 employees, we are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.
- A Certificate of need was granted for a 47,000 square foot Downtown Health Plaza to be built replacing the Reynolds Health Center, which provides health care for underserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties.
- Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.
- Construction has begun on a 350,000 square foot addition atop Ardmore Tower. This will provide more space for Brenner Children's Hospital as well as additional operating suites and private patient rooms.

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND PROGRESS

New Dental Program For Indigent Children - Baptist Hospital has become a major participant in a community partnership to provide dental care for indigent children. NCBH opened a dental clinic on May 8, 2000, where three dentists are treating hundreds of children who previously had little or no access to dental services. Children who had known dental pain as a way of life, or who never had routine services because their parents could not afford it, are now being treated.

Physician Excellence - In 1999, 600 physicians in North Carolina were listed among "The Best Doctors in America"; 95 are WFUBMC physicians.

Nursing Excellence - Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing, demonstrating exemplary nursing leadership and quality patient care from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.

Ranked Among The Nation's Best - North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., continues to be ranked among America's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialties, according to rankings published in the July, 2000 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. This ranking reflects the reputation of specialists at NCBH as seen by their peers across the nation.

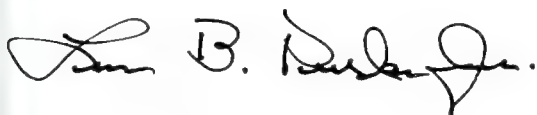
Newest Treatment For Epilepsy - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

Information And Appointments - For more information or to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1(800)-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

A CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

From its dedication on May 28, 1923 to the present, North Carolina Baptist Hospital has been committed to our mission of providing the highest quality health care to our patients and their families in a compassionate, caring manner. This report reflects how our mission and values of excellence, compassion, innovation, and integrity are lived out every day. As a Medical Center we continue to be one of the leading research centers in the United States. We provide a wide array of comprehensive health care, across the spectrum of life, to people with the most severe medical conditions. Most importantly, this care is provided one person at a time in a way that reflects the Spirit of Christ, whose healing ministry forms our very foundation.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Beulah – Started a Brotherhood mission and expanded Youth classes on Wednesday evening.

Hiddenite – Pastor Jason Guyer began serving the congregation during the year. Christian witness ministry began for the Hmong people through teaching English language.

Linney's Grove – Building program started for an addition to the sanctuary.

Little River – Began construction to remodel the front of the church.

Millersville – Millersville Child Development Center which is scheduled to open in November 2000 was started.

Mt. Herman – Hired a part-time youth director.

Smyrna – Held a dedication service and open house for new church building on September 12, 1999.

Stony Point – Pastor Brent Kasey began serving the congregation in November 1999. Thirty-eight new members were added to the congregation during the year.

Three Forks – FAITH evangelism training was started. Craig Childers and Wendell Pennell were ordained as deacons. New children's building was completed during the year.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Historical Table

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

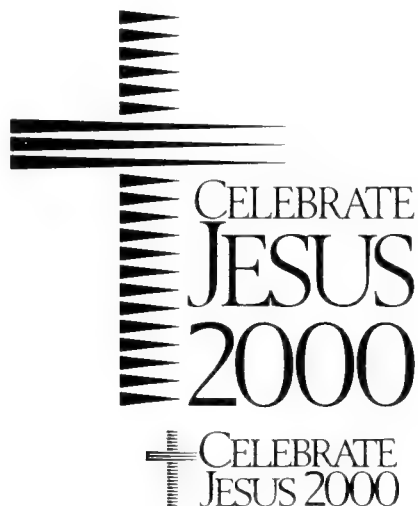
1943	Damascus	E V. Bumgarner	A.E. Watts	R B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H L. Good	E.C. Shoe	W.C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E.C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E C Shoe	A.C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A E Watts	A.C. Payne	H L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A B Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W W Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W.O. Johnson	E.V. Bumgarner	W W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J.A. Icenhour	A.B. Bumgarner	J.L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J.L. Wells	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J.R. Lail	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R.L. Dixon	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H.L. Good	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W.O. Warren	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I.V. Couch	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H.M. Carter	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W.O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A.D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim	Grady Kerley	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville			
1976	Mt. Herman	Ray Shumate	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks			
1977	East Taylorsville	Kenneth Lambert	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch			
1978	Hiddenite	Richard Hicks	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville			
1979	Macedonia	D.L. Bumgarner	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon			
1980	Grace	Dennis Spivey	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Beulah			
1981	Poplar Springs	Leroy Clack	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill			
1982	Oxford Memorial	Gary Jennings	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Mt. Olive			
1983	Millersville	Robert Boggs	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Little River			
1984	Antioch	Cecil Lovelace	James Pierce	Eline Lackey
	Three Forks			
1985	Bethlehem	James Pierce	James Pierce	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove			
1986	Smyrna	Ken Walters	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman			
	Stony Point			
1987	Macedonia	Keith Childers	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville			
	Oxford Memorial			
1988	Poplar Springs	Dwight Austin	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite			
	Grace			
1989	Millersville	Michael Blevins	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Mountain Ridge			
1990	Three Forks	Terry Ashe	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist			
	Mt. Olive			
1991	Lebanon	C. David Boan	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch			
	Pilgrim			
	Antioch			
1992	Little River	David Horton	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove			
	Bethlehem			
1993	Mt. Herman	Larry Blakley	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point			
	Smyrna			
1994	Grace	Michael Blevins	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia			
	East Taylorsville			
1995	Hiddenite	Larry Allen	Joe McDuffie	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Millersville			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah
1999	Little River.....William Wease.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove
	Bethlehem
2000	Millersville.....Kenneth Kerley.....Emilyn Wagner
	Smyrna.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Hiddenite.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble

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Member/Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2000																							
Association: State: North Carolina	Director of Association Missions Rev William O Goble Jr P O Box 875 Taylorsville NC 28681	County	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Churches	Pastors & Addresses (include Zip Code)		TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Resident Members	TOTAL BAPTISMS	Baptisms Under 6	Baptisms Ages 6-8	Baptisms Ages 9-11	Baptisms Ages 12-17	Baptisms Ages 18-29	Baptisms Ages 30-59	Baptisms 60 & Up	Other Additions	New Member Training	Year Organized	Year pastor Came	Location (A-J)	AM Worship Service Attendance	Church-Type Missions Started	Ch -Type Mis Oper	Lost/Unchurched (Y/N)	Assoc Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	Interces Prayer (Y/N)
Antioch	Dr Richard W Jordan 511 Isaac Creek Drive Hickory, NC 28601	Alexander	603	528	12	0	0	6	5	0	1	0	17	12	1826	1998	A	230	0	0	Y	N	
Bethlehem	Dr Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1004	894	36	0	7	9	13	1	6	0	38	23	1871	2000	G	427	0	0	Y	N	Y
Beulah	Rev Chase White 111 Marsh Road NE Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	259	184	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	1916	1996	D	55	0	0	Y	N	Y
Calvary	Rev Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	277	277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1948	1988	C	250	0	0	Y	N	Y
East Taylorsville	Rev Gary W Jennings P O Box 905 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1397	1287	34	1	6	9	6	8	4	0	35	10	1824	1971	C	464	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Hiddenite	Rev Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	291	186	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1915	2000	C	126	1	1	Y	Y	Y
Lebanon	Rev Keith Childers 3633 Robinette Road Taylorsville NC 28681	Alexander	203	156	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1984	1985	A	120	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Linney's Grove	Rev William Wease 158 Jennings Road Slateville, NC 28625	Alexander	215	199	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1895	1991	A	100	0	0	N	Y	N
Little River	Rev Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	362	353	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	4	1792	1997	A	150	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Macedonia	Rev Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	172	172	6	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	6	0	1840	2000	A	80	0	1	N	N	N
Millersville	Rev Bill Oren 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	761	700	8	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	10	7	1923	1997	B	367	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Mountain Ridge	Rev David Chapman 47 Poplar Valley Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	114	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1956	1998	A	60	0	0	Y	Y	N
Mt Herman	Rev Paul Sprince 4086 US 64 NC 90 Hwy West Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	262	198	6	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6	5	1912	1999	A	140	0	0	N	N	N
Mt Olive	Rev Doris W Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	140	86	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1865	2000	A	36	0	0	N	Y	N
Pilgrim	Rev Jerry Gwathmey 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	217	166	6	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	1837	1991	A	113	0	0	N	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	Rev Darren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	311	263	11	0	2	3	2	2	2	0	3	0	1852	1997	A	141	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Smyrna	Rev Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	253	227	10	0	0	4	4	0	2	0	5	0	1923	1987	A	100	0	0	N	Y	N
Stony Point	Rev Brent H Kasey P O Box 198 Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	618	541	15	0	0	4	2	1	8	0	23	10	1909	1999	C	238	0	0	Y	N	N
Taylorsville First	Rev Roger D Underwood P O Box 305 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	610	393	5	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	20	0	1851	1998	C	200	0	0	N	Y	Y
Three Forks	Rev William Michael Runnor 28 Chapman Mt Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	655	450	7	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1857	1998	A	300	0	0	Y	N	Y
TOTALS			8,724	7,354	173	1	23	46	49	19	35	0	18*	74				3,697	1	2			
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS			8,582	7,290	182	2	24	48	33	35	36	4	132	69				3,703	0	0			

Bible Study/Sunday School Info, Year Ending 08/31/2000																												
Association: Alexander	State: North Carolina	Association Sunday School Director Rev. Paul Schronce Address 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy W Taylorsville NC 28681													TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Sunday School Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)												
		15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18		Preschool Birth-5	Children 6-11	Youth 12-17	Adults 18-24	Adults 25-34	Adults 35-54	Adults 55-Up	Gen. Officers	Other Bible Study	SS Avg Weekly Attend	SS Not Cong Members	Vacation Bible School	
Churches																												
Antioch																												
Bethlehem																												
Beulah																												
Calvary																												
East Taylorsville																												
Hiddenite																												
Lebanon																												
Linney's Grove																												
Little River																												
Macedonia																												
Millersville																												
Mountain Ridge																												
Mt. Herman																												
Mt. Olive																												
Pilgrim																												
Pleasant Hill																												
Smyrna																												
Stony Point																												
Taylorsville First																												
Three Forks																												
TOTALS															4,316	460	577	468	192	485	885	1,064	71	114	2,772	203	2,363	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS															4,306	515	577	452	200	473	956	1,039	66	28	2,743	168	2,512	

Discipleship Training Information Year Ending 08/31/2000										19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	Add 19 & 20																																																
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Associational Discipleship Training Director Mrs. Cathy Hartness Address PO Box 495 Stony Point, NC 28678			TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING		Ongoing Presch. B-5		Ongoing Child. 6-11		Ongoing Youth 12-17		Ongoing Adult 18 & Up		Discipleship Training Gen. Officers		TOTAL SHORT- TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING		Short-Term Preschool		Short-Term Children		Short-Term Youth		Short-Term Adults & Gen. Off.		TOTAL DT ENROLLMENT/ PARTICIPATION																																										
Churches					Discipleship Training Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)																																																																
Antioch					None					0					0					0					106					106																																							
Bethlehem					Mr. Jonathan Fox 178 Fox Creek Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681					0					0					0					262					262																																							
Beulah					None					0					0					0					0					0																																							
Calvary					None					0					0					0					0					0																																							
East Taylorsville					Rev. Craig Hamlin P.O. Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681					272					38					75					60					95					4					147					12					30					55					50					419				
Hiddenite					Rev. Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636					74					0					12					25					35					2					67					0					12					35					20					141				
Lebanon					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Linney's Grove					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Little River					Mr. Bill McNeely 1425 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681					77					7					13					29					25					3					0					0					0					77														
Macedonia					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Millersville					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Mountain Ridge					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Mt. Herman					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					52					0					4					48					52									
Mt. Olive					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Pilgrim					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Pleasant Hill					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Smyrna					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0																			
Stony Point					None					70					0					55					0					0					15					37					0					13					12					12					107				
Taylorsville First					None					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0					0														
Three Forks					Mr. Toon Barnes 284 Chapman Mill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681					167					29					15					24					96					3					0					0					0					0					167									
					TOTALS					660					74					170					138					251					27					671					40					127					170					334					1,331				
					PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					744					53					191					154					324					22					378					33					58					94					183					1,112				

Music Ministry Information Year Ending 08/31/2000		21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Music Director Mrs. Sheila Austin Address 131 Ginger Creek Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681	TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT					
Churches	Music Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)						
Antioch	Mrs. Sheila Austin, 131 Ginger Creek Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	97	18	18	6	30	25
Bethlehem	Rev Jimmy Preachers, 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	105	0	50	0	55	0
Beulah	Mr Tommy Watson, P O. Box 814, Taylorsville, NC 28681	30	2	5	5	15	3
Calvary	Miss Julie Dagenhart, 191 Airport Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	201	28	34	25	75	39
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Sharon Adkins, 2563 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	136	12	40	20	48	16
Hiddenite	Rev Jason Guyer, 2083 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	86	6	25	25	30	0
Lebanon	Mr. Richard Bumgarner, 215 Mt. Olive Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	61	4	8	2	32	15
Linney's Grove	Mr. Danny R. Millsaps, 8114 Vashiti Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	30	0	3	6	21	0
Little River	Mr David R. Mecimore, 58 Fairgrounds Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	142	7	29	28	59	19
Macedonia	Mr. Robert Cook, 325 7th Street SW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	38	4	6	8	20	0
Millersville	Mr. Tom Seamone, 125 Winterhaven, Taylorsville, NC 28681	93	10	10	15	48	10
Mountain Ridge	Rev David Chapman, 47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	25	0	1	3	21	0
Mt. Herman	Mr. Louis Robinson, 533 18th Street SW, Hickory, NC 28601	46	0	9	2	28	7
Mt. Olive	Mr. Steve Childers, 7972 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	24	3	4	4	13	0
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell, 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	40	1	3	8	28	0
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Amy Dagenhart, 190 Jay Burke Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	51	1	15	0	35	0
Smyrna	Mr. Barry Mullis, 4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	68	10	13	10	35	0
Stony Point	Mrs. Shirley Lackey, 259 Harris Bridge Rd, Stony Point, NC 28678	129	7	43	16	50	13
Taylorsville First	Mr. Ron Vannoy, 205 Valley Road, Hickory, NC 28601	180	20	25	10	60	65
Three Forks	Mr. Escar Childers, 1219 Gil Childers Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	135	20	15	20	70	10
TOTALS		1,717	153	356	213	773	222
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		1,670	171	322	220	773	184

Missions Involvement/Education (includes WMU & Brotherhood) Year Ending 08/31/2000		22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25					
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Associational WMU Director and Address Mrs Diane Fox 92 So Bethlehem Terrace LN, Taylorsville NC 28601 Associational Brotherhood Director and Address Mr Bob Brewington 445 Lynell St NE Taylorsville NC 28681		MISSION PROJECTS PART		Local Community	State/National	US/Canada	International	TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT			Mission Friends B-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	WMU Leadership Team	TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	Mission Action Groups	Other Missions Education
Churches	WMU Director & Addresses (include Zip Code) / Brotherhood Directors & Addresses																						
Antioch	Mrs Viva Cline 858 Antioch Church Road Taylorsville NC 28681 None	68	40	25	1	2	144	20	15	29	70	10	92	23	29	0	40	125					
Bethlehem	Mrs Wanda Ledford 387 Whitson Hill Lane Taylorsville NC 28681 Mr Milton Good 57 28th Avenue Drive NW Hickory NC 28601 Mrs Alice White 111 Marsh Road NE Taylorsville NC 28681	110	20	20	70	0	45	10	5	10	20	0	93	48	0	45	0	0					
Beulah	Mr Randall Fox 420 Black Oak Ridge Road Taylorsville NC 28681 None	3	3	0	0	0	10	0	1	1	8	0	10	0	0	10	0	0					
Calvary	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
East Taylorsville	Mrs Mary Ann Winchell 21 Oakdale Drive Taylorsville NC 28681 Mr Donald Russell 2992 Vashn Road Taylorsville NC 28681 Mrs Kim M Ashley 635 Central Drive Statesville NC 28677	565	165	200	100	100	110	15	43	0	43	9	75	0	5	70	0	5					
Hiddenite	Mr William G. Sharpe 103 Curtis Lane Hiddenite NC 28636 None	42	30	12	0	0	107	4	30	25	40	8	28	7	0	12	9	0					
Lebanon	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Limney's Grove	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Little River	Mrs Sandra Lowmance 7752 NC Hwy 16 N Moravian Falls NC 28654 None	20	10	10	0	0	31	0	6	0	22	3	25	0	0	0	25	0					
Macedonia	Mrs Karen Lackey 484 Quarry Road Hiddenite NC 28636 None	50	15	35	0	0	13	0	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Millersville	Mrs Jackie Brittan 1931 Vashn Road Taylorsville NC 28681 Mr Russell Greene 161 Johnny Wain Road Taylorsville NC 28681	50	50	0	0	0	85	6	27	0	45	7	55	20	0	35	0	0					
Mountain Ridge	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Mt. Herman	Mrs Betty Lovette 6165 US 64 NC 90 Hwy W Taylorsville NC 28681 Mr Kenneth Kerley 1330 AllHealing Springs Road Taylorsville NC 28681	11	6	5	0	0	45	5	7	6	26	1	14	0	0	14	0	0					
Mt. Olive	Mrs Jewellyn Fortner 75 Moore Mountain Road Moravian Falls NC 28654 Mr Wade Fortner 75 Moore Mountain Road Moravian Falls NC 28654 Mrs Pam Woodruff 1111 McCurdy Road Hiddenite NC 28636	17	8	7	0	2	7	0	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	7	0	0					
Pilgrim	None	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Pleasant Hill	Mrs Lena Campbell 315 Daniels Lumber Road Taylorsville NC 28681 None	13	5	0	8	0	21	4	14	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Smyrna	Mrs Glennie Seitzer 395 Old Landfill Road Taylorsville NC 28681 None	0	0	0	0	0	15	6	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Stony Point	Mrs Cathy Harness P.O. Box 495 Stony Point NC 28678 Mr Steve Lackey 259 Harris Bridge Road Stony Point NC 28678	101	65	19	15	2	73	10	21	0	40	2	51	28	0	23	0	0					
Taylorsville First	Mrs Diane Heffern 247 Seventh Street NW Taylorsville NC 28681 Mr Mack Treagway 796 Little River Church Road Taylorsville NC 28681 Mrs Meissa Childers 3267 Three Forks Church Rd Taylorsville NC 28681	31	0	31	0	0	68	0	19	11	32	6	20	20	0	0	0	0					
Three Forks	Mr Lee Herman 383 David Herman Rd Taylorsville NC 28681 None	32	30	0	0	2	93	5	8	16	60	4	53	14	14	25	0	0					
TOTALS		1,113	447	364	0	108	878	85	206	103	427	57	523	160	48	241	74	130					
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		958	337	486	0	135	872	426	145	101	435	65	576	139	46	239	152	180					

Financial Information Year Ending 06/30/2000													
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Treasures & Addresses (Include Zip Code)												
Churches	Undesignated Gifts	Designated Gifts	Other Receipts	Add 26 - 28	Cooperative Program	Assoc. Missions	State Missions	Annie Armstrong	Lotie Moon	Other SBC Mission Expenditures	Non-SBC Mission Expenditures	Value-Cong Property	Congregational Debt
Antioch	254,092	125,098	11,477	390,667	13,690	6,352	1,847	4,358	8,347	819	10,300	2,211,750	0
Behlehem	524,163	91,680	0	615,863	60,251	3,000	2,369	6,563	10,228	2,345	16,685	2,350,000	379,115
Baulah	43,631	0	0	43,631	300	200	269	202	343	0	0	580,000	0
Calvary	261,125	0	0	261,125	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,845	565,000	0
East Taylorsville	509,144	27,484	1,638	538,266	13,875	9,340	5,790	5,287	12,407	14,180	28,240	2,823,958	127,590
Hiddenite	117,495	47,062	0	164,557	4,333	4,900	1,373	595	2,148	0	2,935	1,200,000	224,211
Lebanon	158,216	10,890	7,917	177,023	15,815	3,163	2,203	1,305	1,664	0	34,066	960,000	0
Linney's Grove	52,078	20,368	6,355	78,801	1,000	1,400	0	700	1,000	231	3,408	515,000	0
Little River	127,756	106,930	642	235,328	28,466	5,590	352	4,156	6,303	1,873	7,300	630,000	0
Macedonia	86,096	664	0	86,760	2,800	1,700	597	806	1,574	0	1,560	0	0
Millersville	387,232	165,179	5,400	557,811	37,255	3,500	1,100	3,100	8,549	1,200	2,700	1,700,000	41,000
Mountain Ridge	327	44,821	0	45,148	0	0	0	1,128	217	0	0	310,000	0
Mt. Herman	156,524	19,738	1,531	177,793	24,000	6,000	1,390	3,877	5,305	0	0	985,000	0
Mt. Olive	40,020	1,740	0	41,760	275	254	0	480	900	812	0	310,000	0
Pilgrim	52,929	24,749	0	77,678	0	1,352	0	0	1,920	1,300	1,221	705,000	0
Pleasant Hill	150,097	11,843	4,326	166,266	13,725	3,000	1,225	2,523	2,932	3,714	0	0	0
Smyrna	132,499	3,558	5,655	141,712	8,057	1,859	156	248	674	104	0	900,000	600,000
Stony Point	556,365	54,269	4,306	614,840	27,159	6,622	285	6,308	7,493	2,564	4,534	920,000	0
Taylorsville, First	329,928	93,448	9,931	433,307	16,644	4,294	2,700	1,229	3,031	7,673	35,833	1,700,000	0
Three Forks	372,114	146,115	4,244	522,473	34,380	6,905	5,500	7,537	9,112	0	2,000	3,780,000	0
TOTALS	4,311,851	995,836	63,422	5,370,909	302,055	69,431	27,168	50,211	84,147	36,815	173,627	23,145,708	1,371,916
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	3,661,223	677,713	29,524	4,368,460	278,112	62,963	24,872	40,976	79,734	56,628	167,929	21,844,308	1,508,228

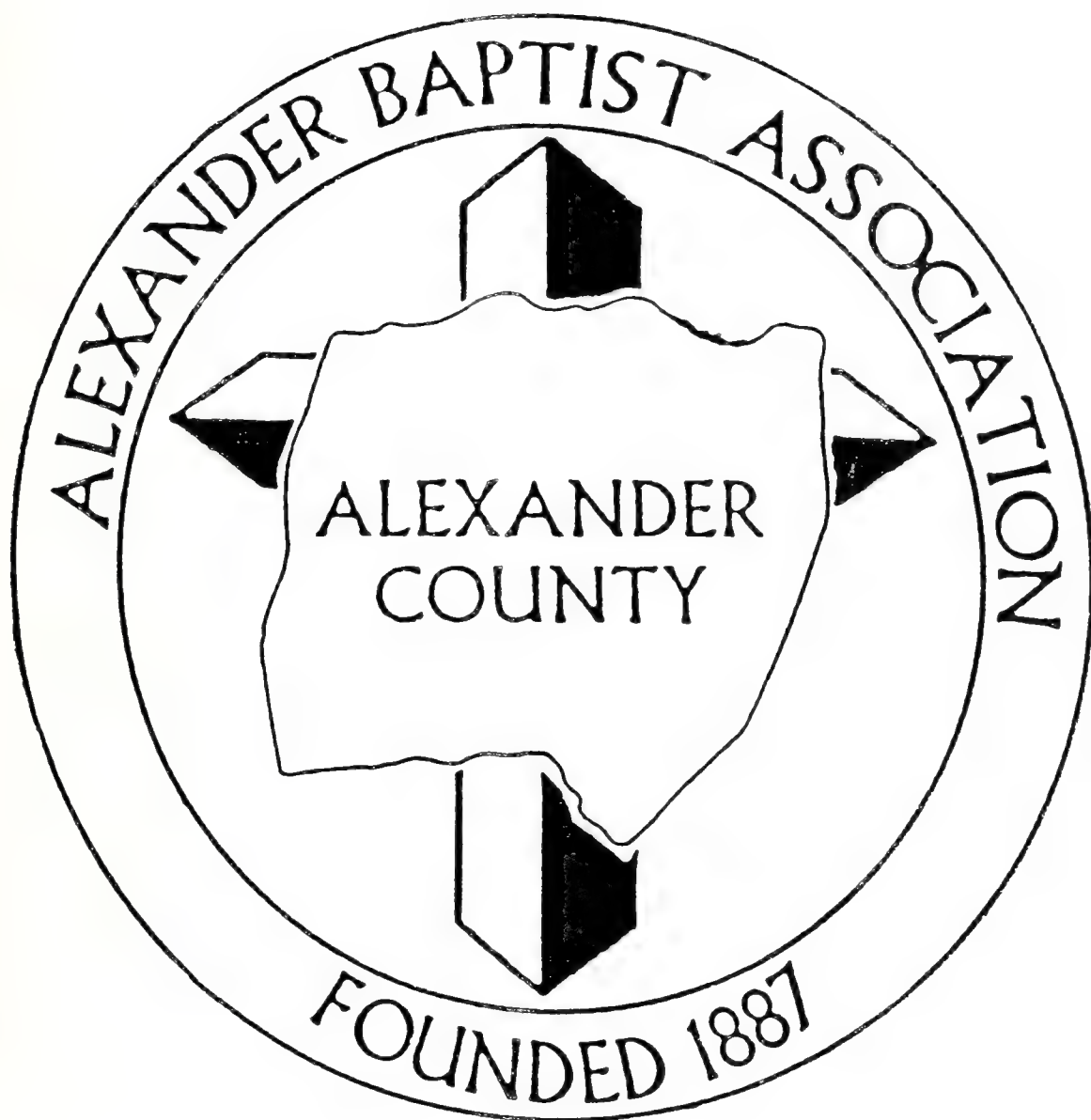
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IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office	County	Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Congregational Debt
Churches																	
Antioch	Alexander	603	12	17	320	185	88	106	97	144	92	390,667	45,713	13,690	6,352	2,211,750	0
Bethlehem	Alexander	1004	36	38	686	344	280	262	105	45	93	615,863	101,441	60,251	3,000	2,350,000	379,115
Beulah	Alexander	259	2	5	55	39	50	0	30	10	10	43,631	1,314	300	200	580,000	0
Calvary	Alexander	277	0	0	243	185	140	0	201	0	0	261,125	22,845	0	0	565,000	0
East Taylorville	Alexander	1397	34	35	628	420	80	419	136	110	75	538,266	89,119	13,875	9,340	2,823,958	127,590
Hiddenite	Alexander	291	4	0	166	94	191	141	86	107	28	164,557	16,284	4,333	4,900	1,200,000	224,211
Lebanon	Alexander	203	3	0	88	71	70	0	61	0	0	177,023	58,216	15,815	3,163	960,000	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander	215	4	3	108	83	88	0	30	0	0	78,801	7,739	1,000	1,400	515,000	0
Little River	Alexander	362	2	4	170	119	92	77	142	31	25	235,328	54,070	28,496	5,590	630,000	0
Macedonia	Alexander	172	6	6	98	60	68	0	38	13	0	86,760	8,837	2,800	1,700	0	0
Millersville	Alexander	761	8	10	324	220	240	0	93	85	55	557,811	57,404	37,255	3,500	1,700,000	41,000
Mountain Ridge	Alexander	114	0	2	72	30	60	0	25	0	0	45,148	1,343	0	0	310,000	0
Mt. Herman	Alexander	262	6	6	136	108	87	52	46	45	14	177,793	40,572	24,000	6,000	985,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander	140	2	2	43	24	52	0	24	7	7	41,670	2,731	275	254	310,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander	317	6	2	81	74	56	0	40	11	0	77,678	5,793	0	1,352	705,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	311	11	3	115	104	77	0	51	21	0	166,266	27,119	13,725	3,000	0	0
Smyrna	Alexander	253	10	5	83	54	85	0	68	15	0	141,712	11,098	8,057	1,859	900,000	600,000
Stony Point	Alexander	618	15	23	376	214	285	107	129	73	51	614,940	54,966	27,159	6,622	920,000	0
Taylorville First	Alexander	610	5	20	271	136	210	0	180	68	20	433,307	71,404	16,644	4,294	1,700,000	0
Three Forks	Alexander	655	7	0	248	247	114	167	135	93	53	522,473	65,434	34,380	6,905	3,780,000	0
TOTALS		8,824	173	181	4,311	2,811	2,413	1,331	1,717	878	523	5,370,819	743,442	302,055	69,431	23,145,708	1,371,916
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,582	182	132	4,276	2,743	2,507	1,112	1,670	872	576	4,588,560	1,037,556	276,112	62,963	21,844,508	1,508,226

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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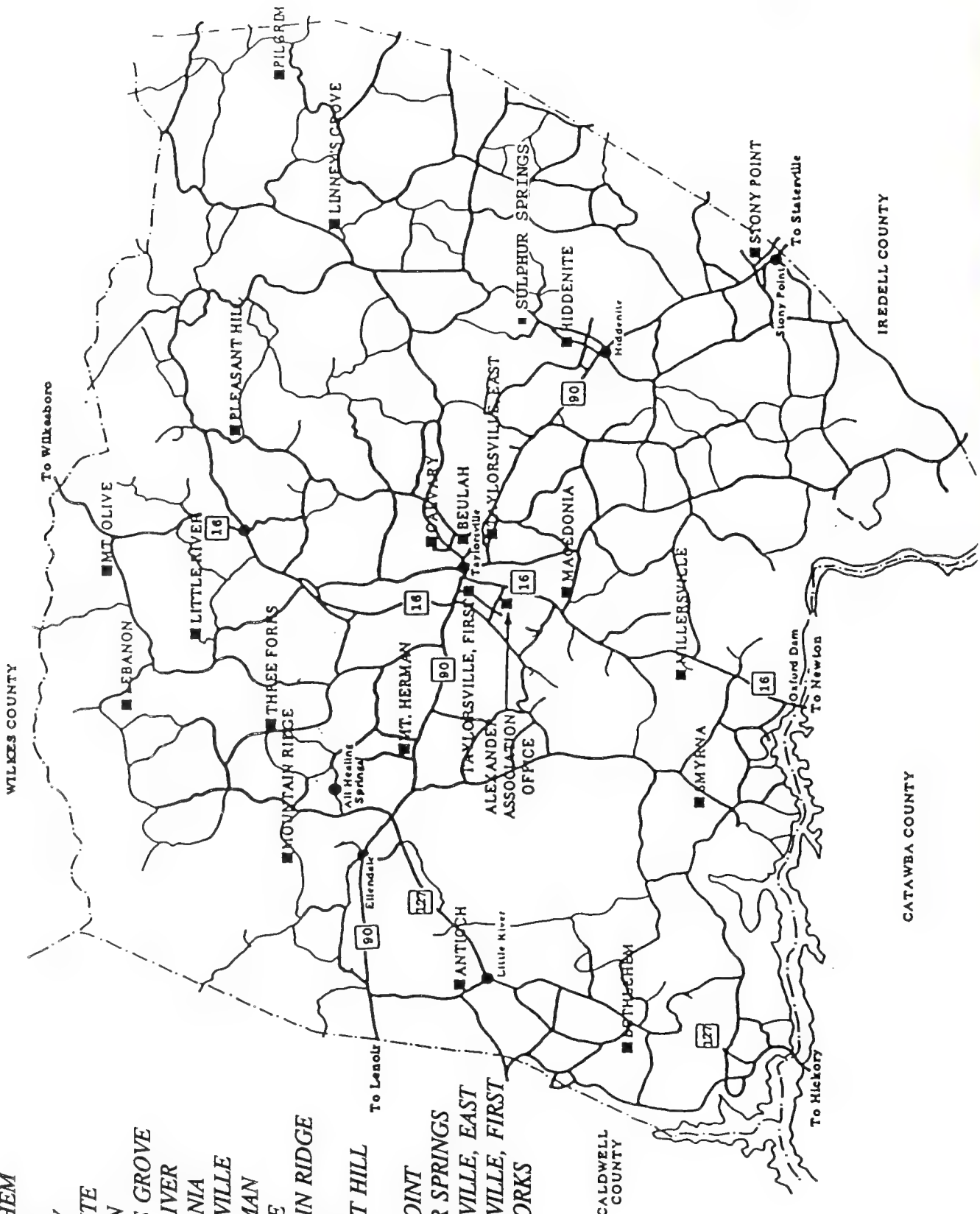
(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Acts 1:8)

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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

- ANTIOCH
- BETHLEHEM
- BEULAH
- CALVARY
- HIDDENITE
- LEBANON
- LINNEY'S GROVE
- LITTLE RIVER
- MACEDONIA
- MILLERSVILLE
- MT HERMAN
- MT OLIVE
- MOUNTAIN RIDGE
- PILGRIM
- PLEASANT HILL
- SMYRNA
- STONY POINT
- SULPHUR SPRINGS
- TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
- TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
- THREE FORKS



MINUTES
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ONE HUNDRED-FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
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TAYLORSVILLE NORTH CAROLINA
2001



2002 QUARTERLY SESSIONS

WINTER: January 3 2002 - Lebanon Baptist Church
SPRING: April 4 2002 - Sulphur Springs Baptist Church
SUMMER: July 11 2002 - Mount Olive Baptist Church
FALL: October 3 2002 - East Taylorsville Baptist Church

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DEDICATION OF 2000-2001 ANNUAL



We, the Alexander Baptist Association,
**DEDICATE THE MINUTES OF OUR
114th ANNUAL SESSION IN HONOR
OF MR. KENNETH KERLEY.** Kenneth was
born in Alexander County on March 25, 1926 to
the late D. P. and Mae J. Kerley. He was
married to Florrie Rogers Kerley in June 1946.

They have seven children: Mrs. Barry Johnson (Martha), Mrs. Lanny Stewart (Patsy), Roger Kerley, Guy Kerley, Douglas Kerley, Mrs. Ralph Clanton (Sharon), and Mrs. Ronnie Jones (Robin). They have seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Kenneth made a profession of faith at an early age and joined Mt. Herman Baptist Church where he has been a member since. He has taught Sunday School for over 50 years, served as Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was ordained as Deacon in February 1950 and has served on a rotating basis since. Kenneth is a member of the Baptist Men's group and served on many different committees within the church. He has served as Moderator of the Alexander Baptist Association for two terms, 1991-1993 and 2000-2001, a total of five years. He has served on many associational committees, among them Deacon Ministry leader and Stewardship representative. He has been a member of the Gideons International since 1979.

Kenneth served his country well in World War II in the Army Air Corps and the Infantry as Staff Sergeant, with overseas service in the Philippines and Japan.

Kenneth worked for Champion Packages (box factory) in Taylorsville for 38 years serving as supervisor.

Kenneth has also served his community well. He has been a member of the Ellendale Ruritan Club since 1959 and has served as secretary of the club for many years. He has been very active in many projects sponsored by the club. He served on the Advisory Committee for Ellendale School and was active in school events during the years that his seven children and 6 of the grandchildren attended. He was instrumental in helping form the Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department in 1967. He served as Secretary of the Board of Directors from the time it was established until 2000.

Kenneth received the honor of winning the "Father of the Year" contest in Alexander County in 1992. He has spent his life serving the God he loves. Although he has maintained a busy lifestyle, he has never forgotten to put God and his family foremost in his life.

In conclusion, Kenneth has been a leader of leaders among his peers. He has been and is a very faithful and effective leader in his home, his church, his association, his community and his country. To God be the glory and thanksgiving for Kenneth Kerley - a loving, caring, compassionate Christian.

We heartily dedicate the 2001 Associational Annual Minutes to Mr. Kenneth Kerley.

In Memoriam

Antioch

Mr. Lowell Hefner
Mr. Butler Johnson
Mr. Terry Smith
Mrs. Mildred Morris
Mr. Bruce A. Smith
Mr. Jerry Turner

Bethlehem

Mrs. Bea Bellamy
Mrs. Ina Hefner
Mrs. Hester Kiziah
Mrs. Kelda Moore
Mrs. Virginia Pittman
Mrs. Ruby Sigmon

Beulah

Mr. Dannie Keller

Calvary

Mr. Waitsel Cantor
Mrs. Lorene Hollar
Mr. Rayford Simmons

East Taylorsville

Mrs. Stella Chapman
Mrs. Gladys Elder
Mr. Charlie Harrington
Mr. Harold Harrington
Miss Mandy Haynes
Mrs. Ella Morrison
Mr. Marvin Matlock
Mrs. Margie B. Miller
Mrs. Ruby Oxford
Mrs. Mildred Watson Pennell
Mr. Ronald Smith

Taylorsville, First

Dotsie Childers
Mae Deaton
Ruby Dyson
Owen Echerd
Ruth B. Campbell
Barbara Gourley
Bertha Hawkins
Dwight Hefner
Mano Jenkins
Bea Matheson
G.J. Miller, Jr.
Dovie Smith
Cliff Simmons

Hiddenite

Mrs. Linda Gail Lackey
Mrs. Mary Pressley
Mrs. Fannie Windsor

Lebanon

Mrs. Emma Chapman
Mr. Howard Fortner
Mrs. Ruth Dillard

Linney's Grove

Mr. Jake C. Wallace

Little River

Mr. James "Tump" Bumgarner
Mr. Dennis Pennell

Macedonia

Mr. Ray Fox, Deacon

Millersville

Mrs. Margaret Fox

Mt. Herman

Mrs. Donna Brookshire
Mrs. Edith Keller
Mr. Don Watts

Mt. Olive

Mrs. Artie Lowe Russell

Mountain Ridge

Pilgrim

Mrs. Mildred Beard
Mrs. Anna Mae Johnson
Mr. Billy Mayberry
Mr. Kenneth Pharr
Mrs. Margie Tilley

Pleasant Hill

Mrs. Ola Bumgarner
Miss Sandra Harrington

Smyrna

Mr. Mitchell Bryant
Mr. Steve Deal
Mrs. Berlean Lail
Mrs. Judy Smith
Mr. John Teague
Mrs. Kim Travis

Stony Point

Viola Alexander
Florence Johnson
Lois Lindsay
Asa Pennell
Jean Pinnix
Shirley Rogers
Edith Waugh

Sulphur Springs

Mr. H.C. Cook
Mrs. Claudette Dancy
Mrs. Emma L. Durmire
Miss Lois Sharpe

Three Forks

Mrs. Minnie Childers
Miss Rachel Douglas
Mrs. Oriel Harrington
Mrs. Edna James
Mr. Don Kerley

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

As I look back over this past year (2000-2001) as Moderator of the Alexander Baptist Association, many things come to mind - some bring joy, some bring sorrow. First of all, I want to thank God and give Him all the credit for the way He has used Pastors, Churches, and Leadership to accomplish many things in His Holy Name this year. Second, I want to thank all of you who have allowed Him to use you, because it is through His children that His work goes on.

In September 2000 people from many of our churches came together in a united effort of love and cooperation and the Alexander Crusade became a reality where lost people were saved and lives were changed.

In December 2000 under the leadership of Rev Gary Jennings and through the cooperation and help of our churches, 220 families and 520 children in Alexander County had a much brighter Christmas - because of the "Toy Store".

The "Missions Blitz" in April 2001 started with a breakfast and prayer at East Taylorsville Church, after which different groups went out to do missions. A note of sadness here in that fewer people came out this year, but a big "thanks" to those who did participate.

During the year we had some leadership changes: Mrs Dianna Musselman, our Christian Women's Job Site Coordinator and our Church and Community Ministries Director, felt a call to go to Florida to start a CWJC site in an association there. The Lord sent Mrs Ingrid Townsend to take her place with the CWJC, and Rev Gary Jennings to take the position as CCM Director. Later this year Mrs Townsend took a job with Alexander County which leaves the CWJC Site Coordinator position vacant at this time. We are praying that God will soon help us fill this vacancy and we believe He will.

There have been problems in keeping Pastoral leadership for our Hmong and Hispanic Ministries this year, but even with the problems the Lord has blessed and some of the Hmong people have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior!

Through the sponsoring of the Association and planning of our CCM Director, the NC Baptist Men's new Medical/Dental Van came to Matheson Park in Taylorsville on Sunday afternoon, September 2. People were invited to come on a "first come, first serve" basis. Many came and had their medical and dental needs met. Even though it was a rainy afternoon we feel this was a successful and worthwhile endeavor.

One of the highlights of this association year took place in April when we voted to accept Sulphur Springs Baptist Church's request to become a part of the Alexander Baptist Association. This will add strength and much needed help as they become our 21st church.

The Quarterly Meetings were well-planned by the Executive Committee and the programs have been both spiritual and mission-oriented. Many of our churches have done what Jesus told us to do in Acts 1:8b when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth", as you have been involved in many mission projects all over the world.

Now, as I pass the Moderator gavel to Rev Keith Childers, I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and help in making my job easy, but especially I want to thank Rev Bill Goble, Mrs Bobbi Glass, Miss Suzanne Goble, and Rev Gary Jennings for keeping us headed in the right direction.

May God continue to bless you all as we continue to pray, do His will and serve through the Alexander Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
MODERATOR

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DOM ANNUAL REPORT
September 2000 - August 2001

Miles traveled: 2703 (reimbursed by Association at \$.34-1/2/mile)

Among Churches: Visited 69 churches, 127 days; 169 meetings; preached in several churches; attended homecomings, revivals, and ordination services.

Office Work: Many phone calls; some personal consultations; worked with pastor search committees both inside and outside of our association; worked with pastors seeking to move elsewhere; keeping Resource Center up-to-date with some new equipping center modules; worked with our very capable and effective Secretary/Treasurer, Bobbi Glass, in formulating mailouts such as letters and over 400 monthly newsletters to church leadership. Worked with Dianna Musselman, CCM Director, until her move to Florida in May 2001. Many committee meetings; van loaned to several churches; Christian Crisis Center using building for quarterly board meetings.

Association Mission Projects: Key Leadership Conference; Operation Christmas Spirit (Toy Store); Missions Blitz; Mission Trips Promotion; West Virginia Flood Disaster Aid; Alexander County Crusade 2000 Tent Revival; Christian Women's Job Corps, **Hmong Ministry** - a partnership between Hiddenite Baptist Church, our Association, and the NC Baptist State Convention; NC Baptist Men Medical/Dental Bus Ministry - to our Hmong and Hispanic friends and others on September 7, 2001 (with a medical team from East Taylorsville Baptist Church).

CCM Director: Rev. Gary Jennings replaced Dianna Musselman who moved to Florida. He is available to speak in your churches on helping to get our churches more involved in local missions. Please call on him.

Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC): We have been in a holding pattern this summer with the resignation of our very effective Site Coordinator, Ingrid Townsend. We are in the process of training two other site coordinators. Please pray for this vital ministry.

Hispanic Ministry: Have been exploring the possibility of calling an Hispanic Ministry Church Planter, Mr. Barry Smith. Please pray for divine direction in this matter.

Missions Performance Team (Consultants): We have in place, through the Nominating Committee, state trained leaders to help your leaders in your churches. Please call on them through the Association Office for assistance - and please pray for them.

Associational Meetings and Events: Annual Meeting (Mt. Herman Church); and three other quarterly sessions - Mountain Ridge, Three Forks, and Macedonia); Executive Council (4 meetings); Pastors' Conference (monthly); RA Racers Derby, Bethlehem Church; CWJC Meetings; Nominating Committee; Children and Youth Bible Drills and Youth Speakers Tournament (Stony Point Church); Annual WMU Meeting, Millersville Church; Toy Store; and Missions Blitz.

Service and Meetings Outside of Association: Pastoral Ministries Conference, Hickory; Habitat for Humanity Board Meetings (serve on Board as Church Coordinator); serve as Treasurer of Ellendale Ruritan Club - monthly board and regular meetings throughout the year; member and attendee of Reg 7 Baptist Men's Meetings - Millers Creek Church; Anti-gambling meeting in Statesville; NC Baptist State Convention at Winston-Salem; and NC Evangelism Conference at Arden.

Denominational Causes Presented to Churches and Pastors: As calendared especially all mission causes - local, state, national and world-wide.

It is a joy to serve the Lord and His Churches in the Alexander Association. Let's pray for one another and our churches. Let's pray that through our churches and association missions that many lost people will come to know Our Lord, whom to know is everlasting life.

Prayerfully yours,

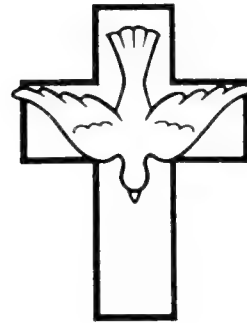


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Hispanic Missions Committee

Our Association continues to be challenged by the on going need to reach our new next-door neighbors. More and more Hispanic people are moving to the United States. Where are their numbers growing the most? Right here in North Carolina. In the last ten years, the Hispanic population in North Carolina has grown more than 400 percent. Thousands of people are arriving in our state, not as migrant workers, but to earn citizenship, buy homes, enroll their children in school, and become permanent North Carolinians. But, unfortunately, a huge barrier separates us from these new next-door neighbors. Our languages.

Very few Hispanics can speak English. Many cannot read or write in their own native Spanish, either. And without an adequate number of Spanish-speaking Baptist Missions, some of our new arrivals aren't hearing the Word of God at all.

We are currently entering discussions with our neighboring associations and the Baptist State Convention concerning a Hispanic Church Planter for this five county area. A newly certified planter is seeking a position now. We are also in the process of dialoging with Hispanics in our county concerning their church experiences to determine the immediate spiritual needs as well as ongoing ministries. A full recommendation will be forth coming at the end of the first quarter of our Association year.

There are multi-missions that can be formulated and carried out with Hispanic people, English as a Second Language, as well as reading and writing in even their native language. All the while, sharing Christ, as this mission field moves to us. They are opening their doors and hearts as never before. Instead of going to a foreign field, always, we can go across the street or just down the road. We had almost 100 Hispanics response to the invitation to come to the Medical/Dental Van. This tells us that the needs are there and we can supply them.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

Today as Christians and Churches, we continue to face many controversial issues. The struggle with the possibility of a lottery in our state, and the many repercussions of stem cell research and cloning may unfold.

This year Bill Goble, our Director of Missions, has kept us aware of both legislation and opportunities to learn more about these issues, especially the lottery.

May we all seek God's leading as we stand against the many evils attacking our Christian values.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman

BAPTIST MEN REPORT

Several of the Baptist Men's groups from our association have continued to return to the eastern part of our state repeatedly to help provide those in that area with replaced housing. Even more recently, some of our men have made several trips to West Virginia to aid in the recovery from the flooding in that state and several plan to do so in the near future.

All our churches need Royal Ambassadors (Grades 1 through 6) and Challengers (Grades 7 through 12). There are many new methods to having these programs in our churches with minimal time involved. Please contact the Association office should any Baptist Men's group or church desire to obtain additional information on how to start an Royal Ambassadors or Challenger group.

The Alexander affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International has purchased land for two additional homes. I encourage all churches to become involved in the building of these homes. Much volunteer work is needed to complete these projects and I encourage each group to take part in this needed ministry in our county.

I wish to thank all Baptist Men of our Association for their dedication and co-operation during my 4 years as the Associational Brotherhood Director. I have relinquished this office to David Unthank of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church and encourage everyone to give David all the co-operation he needs to increase the participation in all areas of Brotherhood work.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Brewington, Director*

Clerk's Report

This past year has been a full and exciting one to say the least. In May 2001, I attended a Secretary/Clerk conference and learned about the Internet version of the Church Profile. On Sunday, June 10, 2001, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to discuss using the NC Baptist State Conventions web site. Seven of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. On Sunday, August 5, 2001 another meeting of the clerks was held in order to distribute the 2001 Congregational Profiles. Ten of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We plan to submit the church profiles to the State via the Internet this year instead of the paper forms that have been used in the past. This year marks the third year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had five of the twenty-one churches submit input their information directly. Several problems were corrected and several enhancements were made based on the input from individuals using the website.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. In light of the events in our country on September 11, 2001, all clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office:

Mrs. Denise Rudisll	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mr. Tim Deaton	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Mabel Philpotts	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Tina Deal	-	Beulah Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mr. Robert P. Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Tammy Fortner	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Mrs. Donna Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia Baptist Church
Mrs. Lisa Barber	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Mrs. Luci Patterson	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Tootsie Morrison	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Mrs. Kay Durmire	-	Sulphur Spring Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	Taylorsville First Baptist Church
Mrs. Kim Unthank	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of all of the activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2001-DECEMBER 2002

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

AO - Associational Office and Resource Center

OCTOBER 2001

Cooperative Program Month

1	Christian Crisis Center (CCC) Board Meeting AO 6:30
2	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
4	114th Annual Session, PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, 4-9PM
6	Super Saturday (Youth) Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte
8	Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
9	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
9	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
11	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
12-13	Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte Coliseum
12-13	RA Leadership Training
14	Clergy Appreciation Day
14	World Hunger Day
14	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-17	Fall Senior Adult Day, Caraway
16	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
16	Alexander Ministerial Assoc 10AM
19-20	Literacy Missions Retreat - Caraway
19-20	WMU Resource Team Training - Caraway
20	Singing Seniors Concert - Taylorsville Apple Festival Courthouse Lawn from 11:30 to Noon
21	Singing Seniors Concert, Macedonia Church 6:00PM
23	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
23	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
26-27	Church Conference on Addictions, Caraway
26-28	Fall Festival of Marriage, Ridgecrest
27	Men's Ministry Conference
28	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
29-Nov 1	Mentor and Basic Training, Caraway
30	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM

NOVEMBER 2001

4-10	Royal Ambassador Week in Churches
5	Bible Drill Leaders/Judges Training

5	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
5- 7	NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference - Caraway Conference Center
6	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
6	Election Day
9-10	Annual Meeting Baptist Men
11	Veterans' Day
11	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11-18	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
12-14	Association Staff Banquet - Winston-Salem
12-14	NC Baptist State Convention - Annual Session - Winston-Salem
13	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
13	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
15	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
19	NC Baptist Men's Rally Reg 7 FBC Boone 6:30PM
19-21	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell
20	The Art of Mentoring Church Staff Workshop, Ridgecrest 10AM-3PM
20	"Experiencing God" Seminar AO 7PM
22	Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed (22, 23)
25	CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Singing Seniors - All Churches Invited MT HERMAN CHURCH - 6:30PM
25	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25-12/2	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Churches

<u>DECEMBER 2001</u>	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Month and Operation Christmas Spirit "Toy Store" Month
2- 9	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
3- 4	Retired DOM and Staff Retreat - Caraway
3-10	Collection of Toys in Churches for "Toy Store"
6	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
9	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
10-11	Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
12-13	Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
21	First Day of Winter
23	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
24-26	Office Closed for Christmas
25	CHRISTMAS DAY - Birthday Celebration of our Lord and Savior
30	Student Day at Christmas

JANUARY 2002

	January Bible Study - Genesis 1-12
1	New Year's Day - Office Closed
3	<u>WINTER (Quarterly) SESSION</u> - Lebanon Baptist Church 7PM
6	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
7- 8	State Evangelism Conference
8	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
10	Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Gant's Steakhouse, Noon
14	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
17	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
20	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
20	50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration-DOM Bill & Roberta Goble 2-5PM, Mt Herman Baptist Church
21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
27	Baptist Men's Day in Churches
29-30	NCBSC General Board Meeting, Caraway

FEBRUARY 2002

1- 2	NC Baptist Missions Conference
3	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
3-10	NC Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
11	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
11-17	WMU Focus Week
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
14	Valentine's Day
14	"True Love Waits" - Youth
17	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
17	NC Baptist College Day
18	Presidents' Day
24	Volunteers in Missions Day
24	Flag Day
26	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7:00 PM
28-3/2	Youth Ministers and Spouses-Marriage Enrichment Retreat

MARCH 2002

	Easter Missions Offering Month
1- 2	Men's Conventions
1- 2	Co-Ed Student Missions Conference
1- 3	Women's Retreat, Caswell
3	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
3- 6	North American Missions Study in Churches
3-10	North American Mission Board Season of Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
7	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM

11	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
17	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
18-22	Regional Church Administration Conferences
21	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
22-23	Assoc. RA Racers Tournament, Bethlehem or Three Forks
24	PALM SUNDAY
26	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
29	GOOD FRIDAY - Office Closed
31	EASTER - Celebration of the Resurrection of our Risen Lord and Savior
31	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

APRIL 2002

	Bible Drills Month
4	<u>SPRING (Quarterly) SESSION</u> - Sulphur Springs Church 7PM
5- 7	Spring Fling I, Caswell
7	Daylight Saving Time begins
7	Assoc. Children's & Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers 3:00 PM, Bethlehem Baptist Church
8	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
9	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
12-14	Spring Fling II, Caswell
13	RA Lad/Crusader Congress
14	Cooperative Program Day
14	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-19	Baptist Doctrine Study in Churches "Called To Be Holy"
19-20	Interfaith Witness Seminar
19-21	Missions Extravaganza I & II, Ridgecrest
19-21	Single Adult Retreat, Caswell
23	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
24	Church Secretaries' Day
26	State Youth Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament Beulah Church, Statesville
27	State Children's Bible Drills Beulah Church, Statesville
26-27	Disaster Recovery Expo, Caraway
28	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
28	Earth Stewards Sunday

MAY 2002

	Christian Home Emphasis: May 6 - June 16
2	National Day of Prayer
3- 4	State Youth Bible Drills/Speakers' Tournament and Children's Bible Drills

3- 4	Father/Son Overnight, Caraway
3- 4	Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway
5	Senior Adult Day
5-12	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Hospital
9	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
12	Mother's Day
12	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
13	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
13-15	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
14	Alexander Singing Senior, Senior Center 7PM
16	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
17-18	Spring Fling III & IV, Caswell
18	State RA/Challengers Track Meet
18	Finalist Youth Bible Drills & Speakers' Tournament
24-26	Couples Spring Break
26	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
27	Memorial Day - Office Closed
28	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
29	Youth Evangelism Week I, Caswell

JUNE 2002

VBS Month in Churches

1-16	Christian Home Emphasis
3- 7	Family Fun and Focus
6	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
8-July 27	Student NC/World Changers in Alaska
9	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
11-12	SBC Annual Meeting - St. Louis
14	Flag Day
16	Father's Day
17-22	Youth Evangelism Week II, Caswell
21	Summer begins
23	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
24-29	Youth Evangelism Week III, Caswell
25	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM

JULY 2002

VBS - Vacation Month

1- 5	Week of Christian Study & Fellowship - Mars Hill College
4	Independence Day - Office Closed
7	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
8-13	World Mission Week, Caswell
9	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
11	<u>SUMMER (Quarterly) SESSION</u> - Mt Olive Baptist Church 7PM

14	Assoc. Church Clerk's Conference AO 3PM
15-19	Grace for the Journey - AIDS Ministry, Caraway
15-20	Youth Conference III, Caswell
18	Ministers' Wives Fellowship AO 6:30PM
21	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
22-27	Youth Conference IV, Caswell
23	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
29-8/3	Youth Evangelism Week, Caswell

AUGUST 2002

Back to School Month

2- 3	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
4	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
8	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
13	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
18	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
27	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM

SEPTEMBER 2002

New Church Year Begins

2	Labor Day - Office Closed
5	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
6	Key Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest
6- 7	ETC (Equipping Today's Church) Ridgecrest
8	Grandparent's Day
8-15	Week of Prayer & NC Missions Offering in Churches
9	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM
10	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
15	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
19	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
23	Autumn begins
24	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
29	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

OCTOBER 2002

Cooperative Program Month

3	115th ANNUAL SESSION, East Taylorsville Church - 4-9PM
TBA	Super Saturday (Youth) Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte
7- 9	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
8	Church Building Conference (West)
8	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
10	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
13	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
13	World Hunger Day
14	ABA Ministers' Conference AO 10:30AM

14-16	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
16-18	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
12-13	RA Leadership Training
18-20	Literacy Missions Retreat
18-20	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat
19	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
25-26	Conference on Addictions, Caraway

NOVEMBER 2002

1- 2	NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting
4- 6	NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference TBA
3- 7	Grace for the Journey - AIDS Ministry, Caswell
3- 9	RA Week in Churches
6	Election Day
10	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10-17	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
11	Veterans' Day
11-13	NC Baptist State Convention - Annual Session - Winston-Salem
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
15-17	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat
15-17	NC Baptist Conference for Deaf, Caraway
21	Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
24	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
26	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
28	Thanksgiving Day - Assoc. Office Closed (28, 29)

DECEMBER 2002 **Toy Store and International Missions Emphasis**

2- 9	Season of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
5	Associational Executive Council AO 7PM
7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
9-10	Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
11-12	Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
10	Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
22	Winter begins
22	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25	CHRISTMAS DAY - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
25-27	Office Closed for Christmas

Sunday School Director's Report

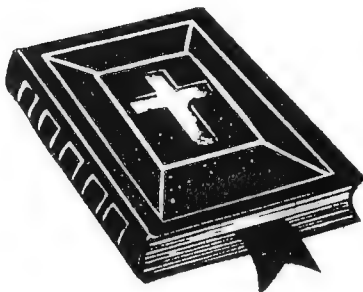
This past year I have been able to learn a great deal about our role as Baptist concerning Sunday School. As many of you may be aware, Sunday School in our churches was started as a way of evangelizing our communities and to disciple those who attend. Somewhere along the way we have lost the meaning for Sunday School and therefore our Sunday School enrollment has declined. I have also discovered that many adults in our county think that Sunday School is more for children than adults.

It is for these reasons that I have begun a process of interviewing each church's Sunday School Director and Pastor in the hopes of finding out what their specific needs and goals are. With this information I along with the other Associational Sunday School team members will formulate a plan to help the church's in our association with their specific needs and the collective needs of all the churches in our association.

I would ask that as we as pray for the Sunday School departments in our own church we also pray for all the Sunday School departments in each church within our association. With God's help, our prayers, and hard work we can again make Sunday School what it was designed to be. A group of dedicated Christians reaching the lost and teaching God's word.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

**Give instruction to a
wise man, and he will be yet
wiser: teach a just man, and
he will increase in learning.**



HISTORY OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Members from Three Forks Baptist Church met on May 14, 1857 to organize a church - 15 men, 20 white women and two black women were present.

Three Forks was host church for the first time in 1901 and the association has met here many times since. History of bygone years are recorded in past minutes. We met here last in 1996 with Rev. Marion Powell as Pastor and Jamie Steele as Youth Pastor.

Terry White was ordained in 1997, Rev. Mike Runion was called as Pastor in 1998, and Mrs. Kim Unthank became the first full-time secretary.

In 1999 the church purchased a Dodge Van, and construction on a Children's Center was begun and was completed in the year 2000 with a Dedication Ceremony and Celebration in August of 2000. Work is being done on a picnic shelter, walking track and new playground.

Jamie Steele became Associate/Youth Pastor at his Ordination Service on March 15, 2000. Mike Surratte was licensed into the ministry in July of 2000.

Several people from the church, including the pastor, have gone on mission trips to Romania and Russia. They also support several missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

**Alexander Baptist Association
Spring Quarterly Session
Three Forks Baptist Church
Thursday, April 5, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator, Presiding
Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director**

1. Ms Nancy Childers provided the prelude that included selected hymns.
2. The Good News Singers under the direction of Mr. Donnie Rogers provided the Call to Worship. The group sang **Man of Sorrows** without accompaniment.
3. The session was opened and called to order by Moderator Kenneth Kerley who thanked The Good News Singers music. The Moderator also welcomed everyone to the session and to Three Forks Baptist.
4. Rev. Mike Runion, Host Pastor welcomed those present and extended an invitation to enjoy refreshments in the Family Life Center following the session. Rev. Runion led the congregation in prayer.
5. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **His Name is Wonderful and Glorious is Thy Name**.
6. Rev. Al Childress, interim pastor of Beulah Baptist, led a devotion from the scripture found in Luke 9:1-6 and led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Brent Kasey's wife, Stony Point, Mission Group from East Taylorsville and Mrs. Lori Marshall were lifted up in prayer.
7. Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions, welcomed everyone present. He introduced Rev. Rodney Boutwell, Minister of Music at East Taylorsville and Rev. Jimmy Preachers, Associate Pastor & Minister of Music & Senior Adults Minister at Bethlehem as new staff members. There were five pastors present and three associate pastors present.
8. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator noted that there would be a benefit breakfast for Rev. Kasey's wife on Saturday, April 21 at Lindsey Hall at Stony Point Baptist. Mrs. Kasey has a chronic kidney disease and other medical needs. Mr. Kerley also welcomed the new pastors and those present from Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, our newest member church. Mr. Kerley announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held on Thursday, July 12 at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Mrs. Diane Fox announced that the annual WMU meeting would be held Thursday, April 19 at 7p.m. at Millersville Baptist. She also noted that there would be a covered dish meal at 6:15p.m. Mrs. Scottie Barnes will be the guest speaker.

Moderator Kerley also announced the Missions Blitz that will be held on Saturday, April 28 at East Taylorsville. Mrs. Dianna Musselman will have more information on this event during her report.

9. Miss Suzanne Goble presented the roll call of the churches. Seventeen churches were represented with 39 messengers and 46 others representing the churches. There were also eighteen guests. In total, there were 103 in attendance. (NOTE: Two additional messengers were present and five additional church representatives. Corrected totals were: 41 messengers and 48 others representing the churches. In total there were 107 in attendance.)
10. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator reminded everyone of the number of messengers that each church is allowed to have present for voting purposes. (Four including the pastor.)
11. Due to unexpected surgery, Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator was unable to attend the meeting. Moderator Kenneth Kerley requested a motion to receive the program as the order of service for the session. Rev. Al Childers, Beulah, made the motion, Dr. Rick Jordan, Antioch, seconded the motion, the motion was approved.
12. Mrs. Bobbi Glass gave the treasurer's report for the last quarter. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Craig Childers, Three Forks, seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation and there was no discussion.
13. Mrs. Dianna Musselman thanked everyone for their support of the Toy Store and other missions sponsored by the CCM and CWJC. She announced that the Missions Blitz will start at 7:30am on Saturday, April 28 with a breakfast and a prayer walk following. After the prayer walk, there will be breakouts for the different projects. She noted that a coordinator was needed for the prayer walk.

Mrs. Musselman announced that she would be leaving our Association to go to Florida to start a CWJC in an association in that area. She plans to leave after school is over in May. The new CWJC Site Coordinator, Mrs. Ingrid Townsend, could not be at the meeting. Mrs. Townsend will be going for training in May and she will be offering life skill classes and computer skill training to anyone interested.

Mrs. Musselman reported that the CWJC ministry is going well with seven clients and twelve mentors. The ministry helps women in poverty or on welfare and strives to bring Christ into the lives of the women and their families. She thanked everyone again for the support she had received while getting the ministry started in Alexander County.

14. Rev. Bill Goble thanked Mrs. Musselman for her hard work over the past year and announced that the Association was in need of a new part-time CCM director.

Rev. Goble reported that Rev. Jason Guyer could not be present to report on the Hmong ministry. Rev. Goble reported that the Hmong ministry was going well and that an ordained Baptist minister from Spartanburg, SC has been selected to serve

this mission. Rev. Teng Yang will be available every other Sunday. The lay speaker that has been assisting in the ministry will continue to serve. Rev. Goble noted that the mission is growing and that the Hmong ministry is in need of another van or larger van. Rev. Guyer will present a video at the summer session on the Bible Study for this ministry. Rev. Goble also reported that the Hmong ministry (Gale Sharpe of Hiddenite Church in particular) is adding two rooms to the home of Xang Vang who had been seriously injured last July.

15. Mr. Steve Lackey, Stony Point, reported on mission trips he has participated in to help the September 1999 hurricane Floyd flood victims in Tarboro, NC. There have been approximately eighteen trips to help the people. Mr. Karl Nance from Charlotte moved to Tarboro after the flood to help coordinate the NC Baptist Men group's assistance to the flood victims. The NC Brotherhood is helping to clean and rebuild houses in the area. The Tarboro office will soon be closed, but there are about ten houses that are being completed. There are other areas, including Grifton that still have needs. There were approximately 494 homes originally signed up to be repaired in September 1999. Some of the homes could not be repaired and others were sold to the government. In all there have been 250-300 homes repaired so that the families could move back into them.

Mr. Lackey noted that the families are very thankful for the help and many lives have been changed. Some of the people are receptive to God's grace and others are still bitter.

The mission trips were sponsored by the Baptist Men and the NC Missions Offering help fund the rebuilding process. Each home that signed up to have their home repaired received \$1,700 in building supplies. These supplies were donated and purchased through the NC Missions Offering. The Baptist Men and other lay people provided the labor. He noted that even though he wasn't a carpenter by trade, God would give you a job if you were willing to help. Contact Mr. Lackey or Rev. Bill Goble if you want to help.

16. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Mrs. Musselman and Mr. Lackey for their reports.
17. Moderator Kenneth Kerley announced that Sulphur Springs Baptist Church has been considering joining the Alexander Baptist Association for some time. Moderator Kerley read Article 4, Section C of the Alexander Baptist Association Constitution regarding the process churches requesting membership in the Association must follow. Sulphur Springs has made an application to the Credential Committee and has met and reviewed the information required in the Constitution.

The Credentials Committee has met with Sulphur Springs and will report on their meetings. Mr. Ed Nichols is the chairman of the committee and Rev. Michael Barber, Smyrna and Mr. Bobby Millsaps also serve on the committee. Moderator Kerley noted that Rev. Steve Parks, pastor of Sulphur Springs, could not be here tonight for this meeting.

18. Mr. Ed Nichols, chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that the committee has met with the pastor and several members of Sulphur Springs. The committee reviewed the by-laws and constitution with them and they seek membership in the Alexander Baptist Association. The committee brings a motion to accept Sulphur Springs Baptist into the association. The church has 299 members, VBS attendance of 98 and is an active church. The Credentials Committee feels that the church can bring much to the Association. The church itself voted 97 percent in favor of joining the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill Baptist, seconded the motion and those messengers present voted unanimously to accept Sulphur Springs Baptist into the Association.
19. Moderator Kenneth Kerley asked the members of Sulphur Springs to stand and welcomed them to the Association.
20. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Down at the Cross, Because He Lives and He Lives**.
21. Moderator Kenneth Kerley read a letter from Rev. Keith Childers regarding his report from the Christian Life Commission on alcohol and the lottery. Portions of the letter included noting that on March 12 two bills were introduced to the NC General Assembly to legalize the Lottery. Rev. Childers letter also included a personal introduction of Ms. Connie Wagner and Mrs. Scottie Barnes - both of these women's testimonies will reflect lives scarred by alcohol and gambling.
22. Rev. Craig Hamlin discussed the lottery and our fight against the lottery. The Associational office has a packet of information on gambling and a copy of the bills. The first week of May, a vote in committee will be made regarding the two lottery bills. The fact sheet in the packet will provide information on how we can fight the bills. Rev. Hamlin noted that we needed to contact the committee members to express our opposition to the bills that are not biblical. Dr. Rick Jordan noted that the senators from our area are opposed to gambling and that we need to contact the governor and other committee members.
23. Ms. Connie Wagner read Psalm 119:71-72 in her own words and gave her testimony. She testified about how her life was ruined by drugs and how she turned her life back to God. She joined the prison ministry and will begin working for a Transaction Aftercare Network (TAN) ministry. She noted that in NC alone, there are 32,000 inmates and 25,000 of them will be released in the next year. Of that number, in three years, 70 percent of them will return to prison because they cannot deal with life outside of prison. This ministry is to help inmates in their transition back into the population. Currently there are 200 members and 40 churches and other organizations involved. The ministry covers 34 counties in NC. Ms. Wagner closed by reading a poem she had written while in prison.
24. Rev. Darren Lambert thanked Ms. Wagner for her testimony and expressed his gratitude for a loving God and a forgiving God.
25. The Good News Singers under the direction of Mr. Donnie Rogers sang **Last Blood** with Ms. Nancy Childers accompanying.

26. Mrs. Scottie Barnes asked for continued prayers for her daughter as she led in prayer. Five years ago she was asked to serve in the prison and in Yokefellow. She has been serving for the past three years and has never enjoyed serving the Lord so much. They started with a small number of workers and now have over seventy serving in the ministry. God saves the murderer just like the "saints". She shared her testimony of her life and that of her father and how she prayed for years for him to get saved. Mrs. Barnes closed her testimony by urging everyone to not give up on your lost loved ones. Take a stand for Christ and show them that they need Him. The altar was opened for everyone to come and pray and Rev. Craig Hamlin led in prayer.
- 27 Host Pastor, Mike Runion invited everyone for refreshments in the Family Life Center.
28. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked everyone present and the ones that shared their testimony. He asked for those from Sulphur Springs to come forward for a right hand into the association. He also asked that we all go by and thank Connie and Scottie for their testimony. He adjourned the session so that everyone could enjoy the refreshments prepared by ladies of Three Forks Baptist Church.
29. Rev. D.W. Chapman dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Goble, Clerk

The testimony of Mrs. Scottie Barnes at the Alexander Baptist Association Spring Quarterly Session held on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at Three Forks Baptist Church.

Mrs. Barnes testified that her dad was a typical kid like most kids that start out good; parents and others lead them either in the right way or the wrong way. In a recent trip to a youth prison in Wilkesboro with seven to fifteen year olds were imprisoned, one youth was saved. She spoke of how some of the youth state that their parents gave them their first taste of alcohol or drugs. Before she was six, her father had been in prison two times. After he was released from prison in Hudson, they left NC to go to Knoxville and life was good for a while. At the age of seven, she told her preacher that her daddy needed Jesus. Her Dad threatened to beat her if the preacher ever came to their home again. Her preacher said for her not to quit praying, her Daddy would be saved one day.

Her Dad moved back to NC and was arrested again; she was in the seventh grade. After he left prison this time, he left her family. She went through high school, married and had a family. He didn't need his family and it hurt her. She didn't love him because of the many ways he had hurt them.

Her dad had served time in a prison in Atlanta and his suitcase was mailed back to her family. While in prison in Atlanta, her father learned the numbers racket and brought it to NC and SC. She learned how the numbers racket ran and how it existed. His 'business' became so big that he sold some of the territories to another individual. This type of gambling hurts the poor just like the rich. This didn't satisfy him and he sold his 'business' and got into drugs. No matter how much he could make, nothing could satisfy him. Nothing like Christ will satisfy like He can. Drugs, money or any other thing that takes us from Him, the power behind all that money is sinful.

While he was in an Atlanta prison, she visited him and thought that this would be the last time she saw her Dad, as she left, she told him that he needed the Lord. He moved back to NC and came to visit her. He moved in to a home near her. As he talked about gambling, she talked about the Lord. She feverently asked God to save her Dad.

She got a call from SC where her father was deathly sick. On the trip down, she saw a billboard that said, "There is a fountain filled with blood." At that point, she had peace about the situation and had a burden for her father to be saved. He came back to NC and his health continued to decline.

She and her husband were called to testify before the grand jury in West Virginia. After her testimony, she asked the people of the jury to pray for the Lord to save her father. After returning to Taylorsville and after a revival service at East Taylorsville, she prayed "whatever it takes, dear God, for my Dad to be saved, I'm willing to go through it." She knew that if he died at that moment, her Dad would go to hell.

Her father was arrested again in Charlotte. When she visited him, he asked her to pray for him. While traveling to lawyers, she had the opportunity to witness to him and share the love of Christ.

After revival services, he was visiting in her home and she witnessed to him again. He told her that God couldn't forgive him for all the things that he had done. She told him that it wasn't what he had done, but what Christ did on the cross. He still could not see that he could be saved. She noted that to an inmate, God's love and forgiveness is the most precious thing that they could ever hear. It is hard for us as humans to see that a murderer is worthy of God's love, but with the love of God flowing through us, we can witness to the lost world. We as humans can't see how God can forgive us. They will still have to pay for their sin, but they can be God's child. The next day the preacher that was holding the revival visited her Dad and he got saved.

She had a desire to know how the drugs came into the county and she traveled to SC. They located a man that was the ship's captain and knew all about the operation. There were three shipments a year at \$10 million a year. Her Dad was convicted twelve times and she spoke at his sentencing. He finally told her that he loved her. God made love to give us security. A family is secure when they love each other and God gives us that love. That is why we see so many children commit crimes. There is no love in their family. Because of the love of Christ in him, he could tell her that he loved her. And because of the love of Christ, she could forgive him and accept his love. As they took him to prison for the sixth time, she had a good feeling because she knew that Christ was going with him.

Mrs. Barnes closed by urging everyone to not give up on your lost loved ones. Take a stand for Christ and show them that they need Him. The altar was opened for everyone to come and pray and Rev. Craig Hamlin led in prayer.

The testimony of Ms. Connie Wagner at the Alexander Baptist Association Spring Quarterly Session held on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at Three Forks Baptist Church.

Ms. Wagner testified that she grew up in church at Mt. Herman and had a head knowledge of Christ but not a heart knowledge. She married and three years later divorced. She became angry and wallowed in self-pity. Instead of seeking the help of Christian friends, she ran from them. She was hurt and wanted to hurt others. In four years she ruined her life through alcohol and drugs. She realized that the decisions she made affected her family and her church. So, she went back to her home church apologized and asked for their forgiveness. She was arrested in 1976 and went through several treatment centers before she was sentenced. Prior to sentencing, she went to Maranatha Halfway House in Jacksonville, NC and there she turned her life around. Twenty-two years ago, Scottie Barnes asked her to join in the Prison Ministry and to share her testimony. Because she did not want to look back and the many fears she had, she felt like she could go back into the prison to share her testimony. In July 2000, Scottie asked her to go with her to WMU camp Mundo Vista. On the trip, she realized that she had been to the camp during her prison stay and that her ministry was with the prison ministry. In September 2000, she went back to the camp and a worker recognized her from her visit while incarcerated. The worker told her that the other inmates needed to hear her testimony. She noted that whenever God calls you to do something, rest assured that He will equip you to do the task. In the last year 700 have been saved through the ministry. Ms. Wagner closed by reading a poem she had written while in prison. She noted she is going to be working in a Transaction Aftercare Network (TAN) ministry and that she is going for training later in the year. She noted that in NC alone, there are 32,000 inmates and 25,000 of them will be released in the next year. Of that number, in three years, 70 percent of them will return to prison because they cannot deal with life outside of prison. This ministry is to help inmates in their transition back into the population. Currently there are 200 members and 40 churches and other organizations involved. The ministry covers 34 counties in NC.

This Time Next Year

This time next year
I don't know where I'll be.
God has had me everywhere
From the mountains to the sea.
I wonder where He'll send me next
Or what my mission will be.
I don't know who's path I'll cross
I'll have to wait and see.
But in the meantime I can grow
By making the most of today.
I must love others and listen to Him
Or either my soul will decay.
He has brought me this far
Farther than I've ever been.

I was a gutter addict
Lost and dying in sin.
Lay your all at the foot of the cross,
Jesus said.
Lay it down and come follow me.
I did and He's had me everywhere
And I'm where He wants me to be.

Written by Ms. Connie Wagner

Discipleship Training

Discipleship is not a program, but a lifelong process. It is a process that transforms a person's values and behaviors into someone more like Christ.

Since our associational discipleship efforts are no longer limited to meetings, training sessions, and conferences; we cannot use numbers alone as a measure of success. The question that we must answer is- Are we becoming more like Christ?

We had four participants to attend our fall leadership training. There were twelve participants in our associational children's Bible Drill. Eleven of those went on to become state winners. There were two participants representing our youth Bible Drill. One of those went on to become a state winner. And for the first time in several years, we had one participant in the youth speaker's tournament. She went on to win second place in our state drill.

Our association has a wide variety of discipleship leadership materials. I am ready and willing to assist you in any way.

In Service to Jesus,

Cathy Hartness
Discipleship Training Consultant

Kathleen Teague
Bible Drill Consultant

Music Report
Alexander Baptist Association
October 2001

Providing a musical emphasis for senior adults continues to be a focus for the Alexander Baptist Association. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus for senior adults, was formed April 13, 1999, and consisted originally of twenty-five members. The group meets every second and fourth Tuesday and has a current membership of fifty. The *Singing Seniors* are representative of fourteen different churches within the county including thirteen Baptist Churches from the Alexander Baptist Association. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus, Angela Johnson and Brenda Robertson serve as accompanists.

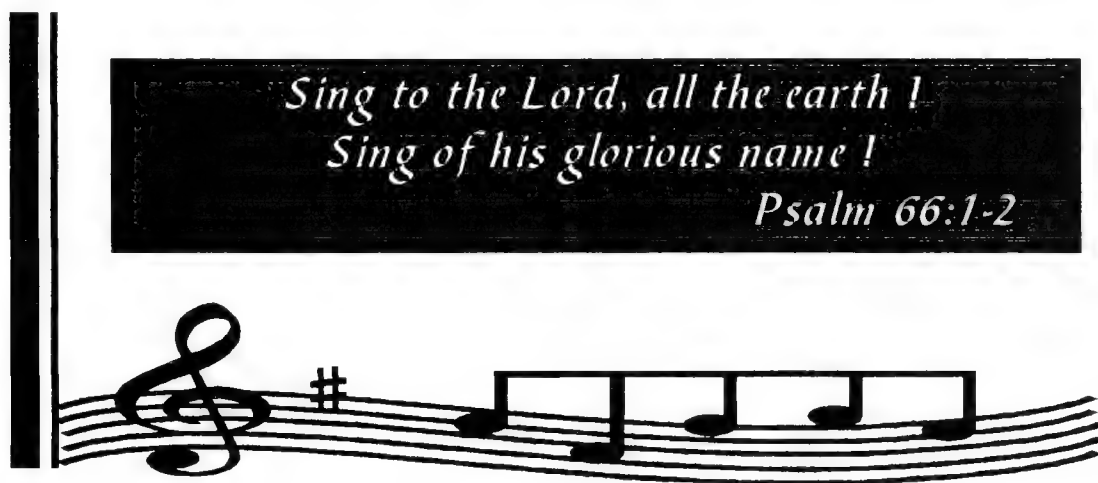
The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events since the last annual report. Concerts featuring gospel and patriotic music have been performed in four churches: First Baptist Church, Mt. Herman, Antioch, and Lebanon. The group provided music for the July meeting of the association at Macedonia Baptist Church. The *Singing Seniors* also participated in the Hiddenite Celebration on Sept. 16, by performing two pieces from their current concert repertoire. An additional fall concert is scheduled at Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 21.

For the Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* are preparing the gospel musical, *Great Day* arranged by Mosie Lister. A Christmas Concert will be given at 6:30 p.m. on November 25, 2001, at Mt. Herman Baptist Church. Guest narrators will be Dillon and Lucy Patterson.

The *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with a large audience during the past year. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to "do all to the glory of God."

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell



WMU Report 2000 - 2001

The WMU Leadership team for this year was Diane Fox, Director, Debbie Little, Women-on-Mission Consultant, and Trudy Perry, GA Consultant. I wish to say a special thanks for all of the work done by these two ladies during my time of service. The WMU council was made up of these age=level directors and the WMU Director from each of our churches. We met quarterly for planning and sharing. WMU takes an active role in our individual churches in the promotion of offerings, projects and keeping the vision of missions alive.

We have several yearly projects including providing school supplies to the Crisis Center and to local schools, providing money for the purchase of gifts to inmates at the NC Correctional Prison for women, being involved in the Mission Blitz and the Christmas Toy Store and in promoting the CWJC. This year we have taken on a "new ministry" to most of us - preparing toiletry bags for Scottie Barnes to use in the ministry to prisoners that she directs. This is an on-going project.

Debbie Little led our service for the World Day of Prayer in November. It was held at the Resource center. This was a special time as we joined together with women all over the earth praying together. After the meeting, we enjoyed a time of fellowship.

*Another outstanding event this year was the annual meeting held at Millersville. After a great covered dish supper, a large group joined together in an unforgettable time of worship and praise. It really fit our theme for the year *Beyond Belief*. We wish to say a special thank you to Scottie Barnes and Constance Wagoner for being the special guest speakers.*

The Lord is so good to us and WMU provides a special opportunity to serve. I am thankful for the hearts of the women of this county. I hope each woman will sincerely look for her place of service and then get busy! We ask that you especially remember Kim Unthank as she takes over the position of WMU Director. Let's remember that so much more can be accomplished working together. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve the past two years. God is so good!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fox

The purpose of the Christian Women's Job Corps is to provide a Christian context in which women in need are equipped for life and employment, and a missions context in which women help women. The CWJC combines mentoring, networking, and Bible study to help women develop skills and self-confidence in a supportive Christian environment. After a woman is accepted into the local program she is matched with a mentor (one woman helping another woman).

Dianna Musselman former Project Coordinator, has moved to Florida and is in the process of starting up a new site in Ocala. She misses everyone, but she is doing great. She has found a church home and is working part-time at the same hospital that her husband works at. She asks to be remembered in our prayers.

This year has brought about more community awareness regarding the CWJC. We are being invited to speak at churches, women's group meetings, prayer breakfast gatherings, and local support groups. The CWJC Site Coordinator has been invited to sit on the Smart Start Board of Directors as well as the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Safe Task Force. We are planning to be involved in the Apple Festival and the Hiddenite Festival. One of our current mentors (Arman Chapman) and one of our Advisory Board (Marie Chapman) are planning on attending the National CWJC Coordinator's Training in September. We are in the process of becoming incorporated and from there we will work toward obtaining 501(c) tax exempt status.

The Advisory Board Members are working hard to ensure that the CWJC of Alexander County reaches and helps as many families as possible. We currently have 5 clients that are matched with mentors and we have another woman who is in need of a mentor. Hopefully after the August 25th mentor training we will have a new mentor to match her with. We are receiving monetary donations from the local churches, but the majority of our funding comes from TANF funds that are overseen by the Department of Social Services. We are very grateful for this support. Without it the CWJC would not be able to minister in the capacity that it does now. Our clients are making great strides toward their goals of becoming God and self reliant.

The future of the CWJC of Alexander County indeed looks bright and for that we give praise and honor to the Lord . He is the author of this great ministry and he has given us a vision that he will certainly see through to completion, of that we have no doubt. Please keep us in your prayers .

In His Service, Ingrid Townsend, Site Coordinator

AUGUST 2001

HMONG MISSION REPORT

The Hmong Mission has had a very successful year! The mission meets for English As a Second Language Class for Adults and a worship service for all the Hmong people every other Sunday from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. There have been four baptisms - two adult and two children - Praise the Lord! Hmong are difficult to reach with the gospel in part due to their cultural and religious background - ancestor worship and animism. Average attendance is 20 to 25 on Sundays, and Wednesday night Bible Study for the children averages 15.

The mission is a partnership sponsored by Alexander Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of NC, and Hiddenite Baptist Church. Janice and Gale Sharpe are the "prime movers" of the mission with Pastor Jason Guyer serving as Chair of the Associational Hmong Mission Committee. The Sharpes have served as gracious host for two pool parties that were well-attended by our Hmong friends this past year.

Others who assist on Sundays and at other times are: Director of Missions-Bill Goble, Roberta Goble, Rachel Wagner of Bethlehem Church, Carolyn Durmire of Hiddenite Church, and our Hmong spiritual leaders, Toua and Shoua Khang of Statesville. Shoua teaches the children on Sundays and Wednesdays and Toua preaches on Sundays.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Toua Khang as he leads the mission in worship and Bible Study.
2. That the Lord will raise up another van driver and furnish a van to pick up the children. The associational van is now being used to pick up children on Wednesdays.

Respectfully submitted,

HMONG MISSION COMMITTEE

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in 1840. The first Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association at Macedonia was held on October 1 and 2 of 1887. This year one of the songs that was used in that first session was sung again this year, the name "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and the same scripture was also read, Psalm 90.

Macedonia has been host church many times since 1887. The history of events and names of pastors prior to now are listed in past minutes. We met here last in 1994.

The church has purchased a new van and carport for its protection. The parsonage has been completely renovated. A Senior Citizen group has been organized. Children's Church is now being held.

Rev. Dan Spears is the present pastor. He came to lead Macedonia in the year 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

**Recommendations From The Nominating Committee
Of
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2001-2002**

Officers

Moderator.	Rev. Keith Childers
Vice Moderator.	Rev. Craig Hamlin
Clerk.	Miss Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.	Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.	Mr. Robert Austin
Director of Missions.	Rev. Bill Goble
Church/Community Ministries Dir.	Rev. Gary Jennings

Administrative Standing Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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<u>Budget/Finance</u>	(Missions Funding Development)	
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Mr. Kip Mace	Three Forks	2002
Mr. Kenneth Patterson	First Baptist	2002
Mr. Pete James	East Taylorsville	2003
Mr. Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2003
Mrs. Jamie Harrington	Pleasant Hill	2004
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch	2004
Moderator, Chairman		

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Brent Fox	Bethlehem	2002
Mr. Dan Frantz	East Taylorsville	2003
Mr. Phil Jolly	Little River	2004

Credentials

Rev. Michael Barber	Smyrna	2002
Mr. Billy Millsaps	Linney's Grove	2003
Rev. David Chapman	Mountain Ridge	2004

History & Dedication of Minutes

Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chair	Mt. Herman
Miss Lucy Echerd	First Baptist
Miss Emilyn Wagner	Bethlehem

Nominating Committee

Elected annually from the floor at Winter Session, as required by Constitution, to serve from 9/1/01 through 8/31/02. (Names listed at end of report.)

Personnel (Executive Council)

Quarterly Sessions Planning & Place (Executive Council)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Ordination Examining</u>		
Rev. Jason Guyer	Hiddenite	2002
Mr. Steve Lackey	East Taylorsville	2002
Rev. Mitch King, Chair	Stony Point	2003
Rev. Mike Runion	Three Forks	2003

<u>Resolutions</u>		
Mr. Tom Fortner	Lebanon	2002
Mrs. Betty Lovette, Chair	Mt. Herman	2003
Mrs. Luci Patterson	Pilgrim	2004

Trustees (Executive Council)

<u>Van Transportation</u>		
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	2002
Mr. Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	2003
Mr. Billy Pennell	Stony Point	2003

Missions Performance Teams and Consultants

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Baptist Men & Boys Ministries</u>			
Mr. David Unthank	Sulphur Springs	Dir./Cons.	2002
_____	_____	Asst. Dir./Cons.	_____
_____	_____	Challengers (RA)	_____
_____	_____	RA Consultant	_____

<u>Christian Life Commission</u>		
Rev. Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon	2002
Mrs. Sandra Lowrance	Little River	2002
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	2002

Christian Women Job Corps (CWJC)

Mrs. Ingrid Townsend	Site Coordinator		
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	Chair, CCM Dir.	2002
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	<i>Dir. Of Missions</i>	2002
Mrs. Sharon Absher	East Taylorsville	Mentor Training	2002
Mrs. Susie Barkley	CVCC Alexander	<i>Site Supervisor</i>	2002
Mrs. Marie Chapman	East Taylorsville	Member	2002
Mr. Jeremy Guyer	<i>Work First Supervisor, DSS</i>		2002
Mrs. Myrna Kirby	East Taylorsville	Member	2002

<u>Deacon Consultant</u>			
Mr. Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	Directory	2002

<u>Discipleship Training Team</u>			
Mrs. Cathy Hartness	Stony Point	Dir./Cons./Support.	2002
Mrs. Sandra Ellis	Stony Point	Youth Speaker	2002
Rev. Mitch King	Stony Point	Bible Drill-Youth	2002
Mrs. Kathleen Teague	Antioch	Bible Drill-Children	2002

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Evangelism Consultant</u>			
Rev. Jamie Steele	Three Forks	Leader	2002
(May choose two (2) others to assist)			
<u>Hispanic Mission Ministries</u>			
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	Chair	2002
Mr. Sammy Davis	First Baptist		2002
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill		2002
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville		2002
Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs		2002
Rev. Mike Runion	Three Forks		2002
<u>Hmong Mission Ministry</u>			
Rev. Teng Yang	Part-time Pastor	Spartanburg, SC	
Mr. Toua Khang	Asst. Spiritual Leader	Statesville, NC	
Rev. Jason Guyer	Hiddenite	Chair	
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch		
Mr. Tim Deaton	Bethlehem		
Mr. Scott Ferguson	Millersville		
Rev. Rick Jordan	Antioch		
Mrs. Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite		
Miss Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem		
Rev. Keith Childers	Lebanon	Moderator, Ex. Officio	
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	DOM, Ex. Officio	
<u>Media Library/Computer Consultant</u>			
Mrs. Kay White	Three Forks	Director	2002
<u>Music Team</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2002
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Associate Dir.	2002
Mr. Junior Mitchell	Pilgrim	Associate Dir.	2002
<u>On Mission Team Representatives (formerly Missions Development)</u>			
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	Chair, CCM Dir.	2002
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2002
Rev. Keith Childers	Lebanon	Ex Officio, Moderator	2002
Mrs. Vivia Cline	Antioch	N. America	2002
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2002
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2002
Mrs. Kim Unthank	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2002
Mr. David Unthank	Sulphur Springs	Baptist Men	2002
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_____	_____	Local	_____
<u>Pastoral Ministries Consultant</u>			
Rev. Rick Jordan	Antioch	Director	2002

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Seminary Extension</u> Rev. David Giffin	East Taylorsville	Director	2002
<u>Senior Adult Ministry</u> Mr. Leonard Gregory	Sulphur Springs	Director	2002
Rev. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Assistant	2002
<u>Singing Seniors Ministry</u> Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director/Leader	2002
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Leader	2002
<u>Single Adult Ministry</u> Mr. David Duncan	Sulphur Springs	Director	2002
Mr. Marty Loudermilt	Sulphur Springs		2002
<u>Stewardship Consultant</u> Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	Director	2002
<u>Sunday School – Bible Reaching/Teaching Team (Consultants)</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Director	2002
Rev. Al Childress	(Mt. Hebron)	Adult Leader	2002
Mrs. Teresa Riddle	Hiddenite	Youth Leader	2002
Mrs. Dana Allen	Sulphur Springs	Children's Leader	2002
Mrs. Kendra Dyson	East Taylorsville	Pre-School Leader	2002
Mrs. Sandra Marlowe	Hiddenite	VBS Director	2002
Rev. Craig Hamlin	East Taylorsville	Outreach/Evangelism Leader	2002
<u>WMU Team (Consultants)</u>			
Mrs. Kim Unthank	Sulphur Springs	WMU Director	
		Women on Mission (WOM)	
Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	
Mrs. Debbie Keever	Hiddenite	Mission Friends	
<u>Youth Ministry Team</u>			
Rev. Mitch King	Stony Point	Team Leader	2002
Ms. Tammy Condrey	Antioch		2002
Rev. Sean Roberds	First Baptist		2002
Rev. Jamie Steele	Three Forks		2002
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	East Taylorsville		2002

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Chair
Mrs. Martha Hines
Mr. Kenneth Kerley

Rev. Darren Lambert
Mrs. Lois Millsaps
Rev. Bill Orren
Rev. Mike Runion

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - 2001-2002

CONSISTS OF ALL GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator (Lebanon)
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator (East Taylorsville)
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk (Little River)
Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer (FBC)
Mr. Robert Austin, Parliamentarian (Antioch)
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Music Director (Antioch)
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions (Ex-Officio)
Rev. Gary Jennings, Church & Community Ministries Director (Ex-Officio)

AND THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS:

Rev. Paul Schronce (Mt. Herman)	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Mrs. Cathy Hartness (Stony Point)	DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIR.
Mr. David Unthank (Sulphur Springs)	BAPTIST MEN DIRECTOR
Mrs. Kim Unthank (Sulphur Springs)	WMU DIRECTOR
Rev. Jamie Steele (Three Forks)	EVANGELISM DIRECTOR
Rev. Gary Jennings (E. Taylorsville)	ON MISSIONS DIRECTOR
Mrs. Shelia Austin (Antioch)	MUSIC DIRECTOR

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2001 - 2002

<u>SALARIES AND BENEFITS</u>		2001-02
<u>(CCM) Church & Community Missions Dir:</u>	Salary	2,132.00
	Travel	360.00
	Conference Allowance	150.00
<u>Secretary-Treasurer:</u>	Salary	14,880.41
	Insurance	3,740.00
	Retirement	945.00
	Conference	150.00
	Christmas Bonus	150.00
FICA Taxes (Secretary and CCM Dir)		1,301.45
<u>Director of Missions:</u>	Salary	8,464.54
	Utilities/Housing	5,000.00
	Insurance (Medical/Retirement)	2,520.00
	Travel	1,100.00
	Christmas Bonus	400.00
	Conventions	300.00
Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:		<u>41,593.40</u>

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities	4,000.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	2,700.00
General Supplies (Office Expense)	1,800.00
Postage & Box Rental	1,800.00
Repairs & Maintenance	750.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Media Center	800.00
Subtotal:	<u>13,550.00</u>

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	400.00
Baptist Men	200.00
Christian Life	200.00
Deaconship	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00
Evangelism	2,000.00
Hispanic Ministry	4,800.00
Hmong Ministry	2,400.00
Key Leadership	500.00
Ministers' Conference (speakers)	200.00
Ministry (Discretionary Fund)	200.00
Missions Development - Toy Store/Missions Blitz	3,500.00
Music - Seniors and Children	1,000.00
Pastoral Ministries	150.00
Senior Adults	500.00
Single Adult Ministry	300.00
Stewardship	100.00
Sunday School	800.00
Vacation Bible School	700.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,000.00
Youth	1,400.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	1,000.00
Subtotal:	<u>\$ 21,650.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 76,793.40</u>

CHURCH SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The Association Church Secretaries' Conference/Fellowship is open to all Association Church Secretaries. Our get-togethers are very informal - just bring your own lunch - sandwich, salad, or whatever you wish. The Association will provide drinks - we share dessert, have a meaningful devotion, enjoy good fellowship, share ideas, and praise God for what He is doing in our lives, in our churches, and in our Association.

We meet once a quarter and also try to plan a special time together around Christmas, or the beginning of the year - either a meal out or a get together at the home of one of the secretary's. Fellowship begins at noon, but if you can't make it then, come as soon as you can! We meet in the Resource Center - located at 223 Fifth Avenue SW, Taylorsville - call if you need directions. Come join us - all church secretaries are welcome and there is a sweet spirit among us. We would love to see YOU!

We look forward with excitement and anticipation to our North Carolina Baptist Secretaries' Conference this year at Caraway Conference Center - November 5, 6 and 7. Eight secretaries are signed up to go! We thank our respective churches and association for this wonderful opportunity to be inspired, to renew old friendships and to make new friends, and to learn more about our Savior in order to serve Him better.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Association Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of the ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Preamble

We, the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the region of Alexander County, State of North Carolina, unite according to the plan and for the purpose of New Testament churches in our world. To this end and according to the following articles, we cooperate, with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we confirm the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (revised in 1998).

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association, Inc., hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this state is at 223 5th Ave., SW, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 28681, in Alexander County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity, growth, and cooperation among the churches related to the Association and to provide resources, opportunities, and coordination that will encourage and enable the churches, both individually and together, to achieve the objectives and goals toward fulfilling the Great Commission in their community, association, state, nation and around the world.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. The Association shall be composed of each local Missionary Baptist Church in the region desiring membership in the Association. A Missionary Baptist Church shall be defined as follows:

- a) One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association.
- b) Elects and sends messengers to the quarterly meetings.

- c) Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and
- d) Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 2. Voting Messengers: Each member church of the Association shall send four (4) messengers to the Associational sessions composed of the pastor of said member church and three (3) active members of said church, each of whom shall have an equal voting privilege with regard to Associational business.

Section 3. Any church may sever its working relationship with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a member church when without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 1 or when for any reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be inconsistent with the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4. Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

- a) Make application to the Association Credentials Committee for recognition as a member Baptist Church.
- b) Furnish the Credentials Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.
- c) Upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Association in any session, a church may be recognized as a member church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church in the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, with October as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Association year shall begin September 1 and continue through August 31.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator/President to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office. He shall sign all legal documents for the Association as President of the Association.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator/Vice-President to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk/Secretary to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and supervise the printing and distributing of the same. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Association office. The Clerk/Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Council and serve as its official correspondent. The Clerk/Secretary shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 5. In addition to the above set forth officers, the Association at its April meeting shall elect a leadership team nominated for that purpose.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members shall be elected from the floor in the January quarterly meeting of the Association consisting of no more than one (1) member from any given church.

Section 7. In addition to the election of the officers set forth above, the Association shall elect a Director of Missions who shall serve indefinitely at the discretion of the Association. The election of said Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any duly scheduled meeting of the Association. The termination of the Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

An Associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Women's Missionary Union, Baptist Men's Ministry, Music and Youth. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1.- The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the Sunday School

director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3. In case of an emergency, the Executive Council may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4. The Clerk/Secretary shall make a report of the Executive Council proceedings to the Association in session. The report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A majority of enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes of the members present except for the election or dismissal of the Director of Missions.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

If, and when, a change in this constitution or bylaws is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the Executive Council at least three (3) months [one quarter] before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Executive Council to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of the proposed change or changes. The amendment of the constitution and bylaws shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Association present at its annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Meeting of Assoc. Executive Council 6/8/2000 - 7:00 PM)

1. Recommend we move the July Quarterly Meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month to avoid any conflict with the July 4th holiday.

2. Add to the Executive Council the following:

A. The Parliamentarian

B. The Association Music Director

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Council
Alexander Baptist Association

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 5, 2000

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1, 2000 - August 31, 2001

Savings as of August 31, 2001.....	\$ 2,684.42
Money Market Account.....	35,444.34
Balance on Hand September 1, 2000.....	27,180.37
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	69,959.02
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>52,744.78</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$149,884.17

Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 70,367.10
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>40,106.90</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$110,474.00

BALANCE ON HAND August 31, 2001.....	\$ 39,258.96
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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENT

Antioch.....	\$ 7,394.94	Millersville.....	\$ 2,100.00
Bethlehem.....	2,750.00	Mt. Herman.....	6,000.00
Beulah.....	200.00	Mt. Olive.....	1,116.76
Calvary.....	-0-	Mountain Ridge.....	-0-
East Taylorsville.....	10,118.37	Pilgrim.....	1,400.00
Hiddenite.....	2,520.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3,000.00
Lebanon.....	3,068.12	Smyrna.....	2,143.44
Linney's Grove.....	1,750.00	Stony Point.....	7,163.00
Little River.....	5,851.03	Sulphur Springs.....	1,000.00
Macedonia.....	2,050.00	Taylorsville First....	3,166.69
		Three Forks.....	<u>7,166.67</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 69,959.02

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 2,400.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	2,581.66
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	2,400.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Misc.....	245.00
Hispanic Mission Offering.....	250.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	1,851.02
Women's Prison-Raleigh.....	120.00
Alex.Co.DSS-Christian Women's Job Corps.....	30,141.67
Group Insurance Refund.....	4,734.84
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	458.33
Christian Women's Job Corps-Supplies/Refund/Misc.....	2,893.19
Operation Christmas Spirit - Toy Store.....	3,587.43
BW World Day of Prayer Offering.....	216.00
Returned Checks.....	225.80
Building Insurance Refund.....	248.14
Christian Crisis Center - Lease for Two Years.....	2.00
Van Mileage.....	118.24
Copies/Supplies.....	106.93
Miscellaneous.....	<u>100.17</u>
	\$ 52,744.78

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 1,874.16
Assoc.Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	13,596.36
Group Insurance.....	8,474.04
Retirement.....	660.00
Conference.....	157.74
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary & CCM.....	1,831.46
DOM: Salary.....	8,217.96
Utilities/Housing.....	4,800.00
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	2,286.20
Retirement.....	120.00
Travel.....	1002.38
Ministry Expense.....	-0-
Christmas Bonus.....	400.00
Conventions.....	255.47

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 4,976.19
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	2,765.30
General Supplies (office expense).....	2,375.67
Postage and Box Rental.....	1,820.05
Repairs and Maintenance.....	931.39
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers' Comp.).....	1,157.77
Miscellaneous.....	83.22
Media Center.....	698.54

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 150.00
Brotherhood.....	146.76
Christian Life.....	75.00
Deaconship.....	-0-
Discipleship.....	-0-
Evangelism.....	-0-
Hispanic.....	-0-
Hmong.....	5,071.66
Key Leadership.....	110.00
Missions Development Toy Store/Missions Blitz.....	3,583.31
Music.....	868.03
Pastoral Ministries.....	-0-
Senior Adults.....	19.64
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	69.37
VBS.....	-0-
WMU.....	614.62
Youth.....	107.79
Transportation (Van-ins/tag/maintenance/gas).....	917.02
	<u>\$ 70,367.10</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Christian Women's Job Corps.....	\$ 29,482.47
Bethany Colony.....	100.00
Women's Prison-Raleigh.....	100.00
Christian Crisis Center-% of Toy Store Receipts.....	424.43
Deposit to Money Market Acct.....	10,000.00
	<u>\$ 40,106.90</u>

Alexander Baptist Association
114th Annual Session
Thursday, October 4, 2001

Theme:
Proclaiming and Living the TRUTH

Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator
 Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
 Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
 Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
 Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
31 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Taylorsville, NC

First Session
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Prelude. Mrs. Amy Dagenhart, Organist & Mrs. Phyllis Burke, Pianist
 4:00 P.M. – Call to Worship. Alexander Central Choral Ensemble
 Welcome, Devotion & Prayer. Rev. Darren Lambert, Host Pastor
 Constitution of Session & Order of Business. Moderator
 Recognition of Visitors, New Pastors & Staff, Memorials. Rev. Bill Goble
 Announcements. Moderator
 4:25 P.M. – Hymn. "I Love to Tell the Story" # 461

Reports

Evangelism. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville
 CCM. Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville/CCM Director
 Director of Missions & Calendar. Rev. Bill Goble
 Budget & Finance. Moderator
 Oral & Video Presentation. Dr. Paul Mullen, Director,
 Church & Community Relations, Baptist Hospital
 Attendance. Miss Suzanne Goble
 Treasurer. Mrs. Bobbi Glass
 Dedication of 2001 Annual Minutes. Rev. Keith Childers, Lebanon
 5:25 P.M. – Hymn. "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #213

Mission Testimonies

West Virginia. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt Herman
 Alaska. Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point
 Youth Bible Speech. Miss Britney Kasey, Stony Point
 Recognition of 2000-2001 Associational Leaders. Moderator
 6:00 P.M. – Prayer of Thanksgiving – Adjourn for Dinner

Second Session
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. – Prelude & Call to Worship. Sugar Loaf Ramblers
 Devotional & Prayer. Rev. Brent Dula, Beulah
 Announcements & Welcome. Moderator
 Toy Store-2001. Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville/CCM Director
 Introduction of Sunday School Speaker. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman
 Guest Speaker. Rev. Bobby Earls, Pastor, Icard First Baptist Church
 "Reaching People Through the Sunday School"
 Special Music. Sugar Loaf Ramblers
 Hymn. "Victory in Jesus" #475
 Introduction of Speaker. Rev. William Wease, Linneys Grove
 Message. Rev. Mike Cummings, President,
 Baptist State Convention of N.C.
 Recognition of 2001-2002 Association Leaders. Moderator
 Resolutions Report. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville
 Hymn of Dedication & Benediction. "More About Jesus" #327

Prayer & Dismissal

Next Quarterly Session
January 3, 2002
TBD

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, established in 1852, considers it an honor to be able to host the Annual Alexander Baptist Association Meeting. The last time we hosted an associational meeting, Rev. Larry Allen was pastor, and served until November of 1996. Rev. Wayne Riddle served as the interim pastor until Rev. Darren Lambert was called to serve as pastor on October 5, 1997, where he continues to serve.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church has ministered during the many changes throughout its history. However, not many events have been as dramatic or memorable as the event that occurred on Saturday, April 21, 2001. On that day Pleasant Hill Baptist Church caught fire and lost its educational building and old sanctuary. Over 101 firefighters from Alexander County and surrounding counties, plus the Ladies Auxiliary and Rescue Squad for Alexander County battled with strong winds that day to save our buildings. Due to the miraculous grace of God, our newer sanctuary was spared. Rev. Lambert was quoted as saying, "The building is just brick and mortar, but the congregation is the church." The members were able to hold services outside in the parking lot in front of the newer sanctuary the following morning, April 22. In the following weeks, services were held outside and at neighboring churches. After approximately 1 ½ months of clean-up, reconstruction, and temporary renovation of the existing fellowship hall, Sunday School once again resumed and we were able to move back into our sanctuary. We praise the Lord for the help He has given us, and we are moving forward to begin reconstruction of a new building. Pray for Pleasant Hill Baptist Church as we work through this difficult time and try to reach our surrounding community with the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

**Highlights of the
Alexander Baptist Association
Annual Session
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Thursday, October 4, 2001
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Moderator, Presiding
Rev. Keith Childers, Vice Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director**

FIRST SESSION - 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

1. The ACHS Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Ron Vannoy provided the Call to Worship. The Ensemble sang a selection of Patriotic songs including **The Star Spangled Banner** and **America the Beautiful**.
2. Host Pastor Rev. Darren Lambert thanked the Ensemble for their music and gave an enthusiastic welcome to everyone present for the 114th Annual meeting at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He thanked everyone for their prayers for the church during the time of their need. Rev. Lambert led a devotional from Psalm 20:1-9 and mentioned that he had used this passage of the scripture the Sunday after the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We have learned several things over these past few weeks and in this scripture: we can find safety only in the Lord Jesus Christ; help and strength are found in the Lord and in the house of God; salvation is found in the middle of it all; and stand up for Jesus because we know the end of the story. With the tragedies of September 11, we have been given the opportunity to proclaim the salvation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is time that we get busy about the business of spreading the gospel. Rev. Lambert led in prayer to begin the session.
3. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Pleasant Hill for allowing us to have the meeting with their church. He thought eventually that he would hear that the meeting would have to be moved elsewhere due to the fire at the church this summer. Mr. Kerley thanked the church for their efforts to prepare for this meeting.
4. The session was opened and called to order by Moderator Kenneth Kerley. He noted that every messenger should have a copy of the Book of Reports to go along with the meeting.
5. Moderator Kerley requested a motion to accept the program as the order of business for this meeting and for the evening session. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, made this motion and the motion was seconded and approved by acclamation of all messengers present.
6. Rev. Bill Goble welcomed everyone to the 114th session and recognized the messengers present. Rev. Goble also recognized all other church members and the Pastors present. Rev. Goble also noted that October is Pastor Appreciation month. Rev. Goble mentioned that the pastors are the driving force in our churches. He recommended an article in the September 29 issue of the Biblical Recorder titled "Pastoring - No Other Profession Like It" by Bill Yates. Mr. Yates notes in his article that we need to respect, honor and

support our pastors and that every month, eleven pastors are terminated from their pastorate for various reasons.

7. Rev. Bill Goble recognized several other guests including a guest from NC Retirement program.
8. Rev. Goble led in prayer for those listed on the Memorial page on page one of the Book of Reports.
9. Moderator Kenneth Kerley reminded those present about the meal that will be served following the afternoon session and encouraged everyone to stay for the second session.
10. Association Music Director Shelia Austin thanked Miss Phyllis Burke for accompanying on the piano. Mrs. Austin led the congregation in singing **I Love to Tell the Story** following an introduction from Proverbs 11:30.

REPORTS:

11. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, gave the Evangelism Report. The previous year the Association did not get together to discuss strategic initiatives for the crusade. He did talk to most of the churches about the opportunities that they can do in their own churches. One of the major ministry tools is the FAITH evangelism through Sunday School. A Thanksgiving service will be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at Three Forks church. He encouraged all pastors to come out and enjoy the fellowship at the Pastors conferences held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30am at the Associational Office. Rev. Hamlin encouraged everyone to pray for Rev. Jamie Steele who will be the next Evangelism Director.
12. Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville, gave the CCM report. He noted page 19, paragraph three of the Book of Reports. This is the model behind the philosophy of associational missions. This model has been included in the Field Book for North Carolina Associations. The association exists for its churches and not vice versa. As an Association, we want the churches to tell us what they want and what they need. Rev. Jennings' goal is to keep an inventory of sites and projects available for our churches in case they want to go on mission outside of our local mission. He encouraged everyone to pray for all missionaries especially our international missionaries.

Rev. Jennings asked everyone to refer to page 9 of the Book of Reports to review the Hispanic Missions report. The Association is sponsoring an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. We are asking for volunteers to be tutors for ESL to go into the schools to listen and to help the children. The CWJC and the CCM are working together to get these tutors for ESL. They hope to use this as a launch point for the adult ESL in January. Many of the Hispanic parents do not speak English and rely on their children to be translators for them. Often the parents are illiterate in their own native language. We need volunteers in each of the schools so that we can reach many people for Christ.

13. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, noted pages 46 (DOM report), 67 (Digest of Letters) and 31-33 (Calendar). Rev. Goble made a motion to accept the calendar listed for the coming Associational year. The motion was seconded and the messengers present unanimously accepted the motion.

14. Moderator Kenneth Kerley introduced Dr. Paul Mullen as our guest speaker.
15. Dr. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations at Baptist Hospital, presented a video on the Division of Pastoral Care at the NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He thanked everyone for all the gifts given to through the Cooperative Program and the Mother's Day offering on behalf of many special patients and families that were treated and cared for at the hospital.

The Division of Pastoral Care is a multifaceted ministry that reaches far beyond the boundaries of the Hospital. The ministry started in 1947 and not only helps meet financial needs of patients, but also aids pastors in their ministry and seminary students as they prepare to enter the ministry. The NC Mother's Day offering goes to help pay the bills of patients that can't meet their financial responsibilities. The Division of Pastoral Care also helps in educating pastors on dealing with emergencies. The Center for Congregation Help helps churches without pastors.

Dr. Mullen reported that we are a part of four ministries with the Schools Pastoral Care through our offerings. These ministries are Chaplancy division, Pastoral Counseling division, Center for Congregational Health and Church and Community Relations. He also reported that Baptist Hospitals provides a 25 percent subsidy for all NC Baptist Pastors and their families. The Mother's Day Offering supplements a fund that helps pay for those expenses.

Dr. Mullen asked Rev. Paul Schronce to share his experience with the Pastoral Care program and asked Mr. Bob Brewington to share his experience.

16. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, talked about how the offerings given to the NC Baptist has helped his family. Rev. Schronce shared of the experience of the birth of his third son, Jesse. Jesse was born last November with a bilateral cleft lip and palette. Through all of his surgeries, the family knew that God was in control. The Mother's Day offering funded the program that covered what the families insurance did not cover. A lot of folks say that his son has a beautiful smile and it is all because of God's grace and the offerings.
17. Mr. Bob Brewington spoke about his battle with cancer. Due to a job loss the past year, the monies from the Mother's Day offerings helped him cover financial obligations as a result of another surgery for cancer.
18. Dr. Mullen thanked the Association for this opportunity to share this information. If you need help, please call 336-716-3027.
19. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Dr. Mullen, Rev. Schronce and Mr. Brewington for sharing their experience and the information.
20. Moderator Kerley gave the Budget and Financial report found on page 20 of the Book of Reports. He noted that the budget had been approved earlier in the year.
21. Miss Suzanne Goble gave the attendance report. Nineteen churches are represented with 53 messengers (14 pastors) and 19 guests. Of the 84 potential church messengers, we had 53 present or 63 percent representation.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Church	
Antioch	4	1	5	
Bethlehem	3	3	6	
Beulah	1	0	1	
Calvary	0	0	0	
East Taylorsville	3	3	6	
First Baptist	3	1	4	
Hiddenite	2	0	2	
Lebanon	4	0	4	
Linney's Grove	2	1	3	
Little River	2	1	3	
Macedonia	4	1	5	
Millersville	3	1	4	
Mt. Herman	4	1	5	
Mt. Olive	1	0	1	
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0	
Pilgrim	3	1	4	
Pleasant Hill	4	3	7	
Smyrna	1	0	1	
Stony Point	4	1	5	
Three Forks	1	0	1	
Sulphur Springs	4	1	5	
Total	53	19	72	63%
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22. Mrs. Bobbi Glass gave the treasurer's report found on pages 48 and 49 of the Book of Reports. She noted a few changes to the report. On page 49 under Disbursements for Non-Budget Items, a total is not reported. This total should be should be \$40,106.90. A \$10,000 deposit was made to the Money Market Account. Mrs. Glass noted that the Association is handling the monies for the CWJC. Mrs. Glass also noted the group insurance is high but, the Association is reimbursed \$4,734 by her husband. She noted that the amount listed for Operation Christmas Spirit under the Receipts category was used mostly for the Toy Store. The Mission Blitz used \$223 this year. Rev. Craig Hamlin of East Taylorsville made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Rev. Paul Schronce of Mt. Herman seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
23. Rev. Keith Childers, Lebanon, presented the dedication of the 2001 Annual Minutes of the Annual session to Mr. Kenneth Kerley. Rev. Childers read the dedication page that is included in the 2001 Annual.
24. Mr. Kenneth Kerley thanked everyone for all that had been done for him over the years during his role as Moderator.

25. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** following an introduction from Jeremiah 29:11. Miss Phyllis Burke accompanied the song on the piano.

MISSION TESTIMONIES:

26. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, presented a testimony on a mission trip to West Virginia. Rev. Schronce began his testimony with how the Bible tells us that no man lighteth a candle and putteth it under a bushel but that he takes that candle and puts it on a candlestick so that all that are around may share in its light. The church just returned from the mission trip that was to help the flood victims in Pineville. Brother Don Austin headed up the trip and this was the first mission trip where the church went alone. Rev. Schronce mentioned how he thought about the tunnel that they traveled through and how the lights were along the way to help folks. We are to be the true light for Christ and to show the light of Christianity. The church went to be a light to those folks and to help rebuild and clean up after the flood. All Christians are to be a light for the world to find Christ.
27. Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point, presented a testimony on a mission trip to Alaska. Rev. Kasey stated that he had read about a need to install a sewer line and to do plumbing for a church camp in Alaska through an article in the Biblical Recorder. Retired pastors run the camp and one from NC will be the minister of the camp for one year. The group from Stony Point did construction work and held worship services. Rev. Kasey asked that everyone remember Rev. Hail and his family as they head up a ministry at the camp in Alaska. Rev. Kasey talked about the many needs of Alaska and how we can help through the Partnership with Alaska. He read an email from the minister at the camp and noted that 50 were saved this summer and several made rededications.
28. Rev. Brent Kasey introduced Miss Britney Kasey, Stony Point, who was the runner-up at the Youth Speaking event at the NC State Convention.
29. Miss Britney Kasey presented her speech entitled "Costly Commitment". Key points of her speech include: Who do we commit to? – Jesus; How costly is this commitment? – All; Why do we make this commitment? – It is necessary to follow Him and to obtain the treasures in Heaven; and Are you willing to commit your all to Jesus? (Miss Kasey's speech is included at end of the minutes.)
30. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Britney and everyone else who had a part in this portion of the meeting.
31. Moderator Kenneth Kerley recognized the 2000-2001 Associational Leaders and thanked everyone for their service over the past year.
32. Rev. Mike Runion closed the session in prayer and gave thanks for the food and for those that prepared the food.

SECOND SESSION - 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

33. The Sugar Loaf Ramblers provided music for the call to worship to begin the second session of the 114th Alexander Baptist Association Annual Session. They sang **I'd Rather Live by the Side of the Road** and **Kept and Protected by God's Word**.

34. Rev. Brent Dula, Beulah, led a devotional from Nehemiah 1:1-4. Rev. Dula spoke on how these fallen walls remind him of the tragedies that occurred on September 11. His devotion was on walls that have fallen down. The wall of prayer is the wall that this devotion covers. Nehemiah prayed when he found out about the fallen walls and he wept. How many tears have been wept because of the fallen souls in our churches and our nation? We need to spend more time in prayer.
35. Moderator Kenneth Kerley welcomed back those who had stayed for the meal and welcomed those that had just arrived for the second session. He thanked everyone at Pleasant Hill for all their efforts in making this a great meeting. Moderator Kerley announced that the Winter Session would be held in January at Lebanon Baptist Church.
36. Rev. Gary Jennings, East Taylorsville, gave a report on the Toy Store ministry and noted that a detailed report can be found on pages 18 and 50 of the Book of Reports. Rev. Jennings noted that Armin Chapman, Marie Chapman and Sharon Absher are tri-leaders for the CWJC this year. There are eight women being helped by the ministry and they have three certified mentors. Rev. Jennings noted the dates for the Toy Store this year and that due to a national emergency, the National Guard Armory is closed to civilians. The Toy Store may be held at East Taylorsville gymnasium. Rev. Jennings hopes to be able to minister to the Hmong and Hispanics but also wants to minister to all folks in need. Towels and washcloths or blankets will be given to each family. Churches are urged to continue to collect toys of all types. December 10th and 11th are the setup days and December 13th and 14th are the days for distribution. The ministry wants to share the gospel with each family and to do follow-ups. They need volunteers to minister and to do follow-up. A packet will be sent out to all churches and it is never too early to start collecting and volunteering. Rev. Jennings closed by saying not to forget other ways to minister including the Samaritan Purse program and the Broughton Hospital ministries.
37. Rev. Paul Schronce introduced Rev. Bobby Earls our guest speaker. Rev. Earls graduated from Southwestern Seminary and has pastored three Southern Baptist churches, one in Texas, one in South Carolina and is currently pastor of First Icard Baptist (11 years). He served as Director of Evangelism for the Theron Rankin Association and was the CWT Consultant for the North Carolina State Convention for seven years and has worked with the North American Mission Board in various locations. When Rev. Earls came to his present church, their Sunday School grew from 150 to over 400. We want to emphasize Sunday School this year in our Association since as a whole it has dropped.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

38. Rev. Bobby Earls who is pastor at Icard First Baptist has been a pastor in Burke County for over eleven years. Rev. Earls noted that we often get confused about what we are to do in church. We are to make disciples and in order to make disciples, you have to reach folks and folks have been won to Christ. You can still reach people through Sunday School. In John 1:35, John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus, and Andrew brought people to Jesus. As pastors, our goal is to point others to Christ. With all the ways to reach people, the response is usually the same, "I can't.....". But, we can remember exactly what we want to remember. Rev. Earls gave us a three word evangelistic strategy, "Come and see" that is found in the scripture. If we will say, "Come and see what God is doing in our church," eventually, people will respond and

come to church. With all the programs, people simply need to be invited. We need the fellowship and we need to be known by others who aren't Christians. We are not to be an exclusive social club that is not open to just us, but are open for everyone.

Rev. Earls shared stories of how the lives of Rev. D.L. Moody, Rev. Billy Graham, and John Wesley were changed because of being invited to church. He shared his own experience of being invited to church and how he was saved. Rev. Earls encouraged everyone to continue inviting folks to church. Keep saying "Come and see". Eighty percent of the people that come to church come because they have been invited. If you keep inviting, eventually some will come and get saved. Young people and adults alike don't discount your influence on your friends.

Rev. Earls presented "Practical steps for implementing successful Evangelism in your Sunday School:

- a. Assign every prospect to an appropriate Sunday School class
- b. Assign a contact or a visit person to the Sunday School class
- c. Visit prospects by Sunday School teacher or Outreach director
- d. Share a report of visits to the Sunday School class
- e. Pray for the prospects
- f. Keep evangelism central in Sunday School – stay focused
- g. Train Sunday School workers in evangelism and witnessing skills
- h. Enroll lost people in Sunday School

Rev. Earls ended his message with "Jesus did not die for percentages, He died for the lost." We can still reach folks through Sunday School, we just don't use it like it should be used.

39. The Sugar Loaf Ramblers sang **Just Over Yonder**.

40. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **Victory in Jesus** following an introduction found in Psalms 154. Miss Phyllis Burke, pianist accompanied the song.

41. Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove, introduced Rev. Mike Cummings to deliver the message for the 114th Annual Session. Rev. Mike Cummings is a graduate of Campbell University and Southeastern Seminary. He has served as pastor for 18 years and has served as Director of Missions since 1988. For the past two years, he has been the President of the Baptist State Convention of N.C.

MESSAGE

42. Rev. Mike Cummings, President of the Baptist State Convention of NC, delivered a message on what it means to be a servant and to have a relationship with God. He read from Colossians 3:22 and Ephesians 5:6.

In this scripture, Paul tries to show the servant that there are several dimensions of their experience. They were called into mastery, under ministry and under the watchfulness of Christ. Christ has first place in all things, the church and our lives. We are called under master there is a master over us, Christ. We take great pride in our service to Him: pride in our servitude. We are proud to be a servant of God, proud because of our position and proud because of the portion He gives to us. He gives us a portion of His

favor everyday and not just when we get to heaven. Being a Christian is the greatest position in the world.

We all have been blessed with spiritual gifts. In the scripture the servants were to go about their work heartily. There is a work for us all to do for Him and to be done heartily. Would it not be great to re-discover the fire that we had when we first were saved? Churches need to be passion driven. We need passion, zeal and enthusiasm in our churches. We need to be passionate about our work for Jesus. We need to be real, on the edge and work heartily for Him. This is the contagious thing about a happy Christian.

He has equipped us all to do His work. The servant is also under scrutiny. The servant never stops with less than our best. We should not compromise the pride in doing our best for Him. We are always under scrutiny and we are all to give our best.

As servants of the Lord, we are not afraid to meet Him. But, we often are ashamed of how we have served Him.

Rev. Cummings closed his message in prayer.

43. Moderator Kenneth Kerley thanked Revs. Earls and Cummings for the message and The Sugar Loaf Ramblers for their music. He prayed that the Lord has blessed us all and that the seeds that were sown will grow in our lives and churches.
44. Moderator Kerley recognized the 2001-2001 Associational leaders and thanked everyone for serving the Lord in each position.
45. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, read the Resolutions Committee report.
46. Moderator Kenneth Kerley asked for a motion to accept the report and Rev. Paul Schronce made this motion with Rev. Rick Jordan seconding the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval of those present.
47. Moderator Kerley thanked everyone in the Association for their support and turned over the gravel to Rev. Keith Childers. Mr. Kerley thanked Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Miss Suzanne Goble, and Rev. Gary Jennings for their support over the past two years.
48. Association Music Director Shelia Austin led the congregation in singing **More About Jesus**. Miss Phyllis Burke, pianist accompanied the song.
49. Dr. Rick Jordan, Antioch dismissed the session in prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Goble, Clerk

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Church		
Antioch	4	1	5	ACHS Chorus	40
Bethlehem	3	3	6	Guest Speakers	4
Beulah	1	0	1	Pastors	14
Calvary	0	0	0		
East Taylorsville	3	3	6		
First Baptist	3	1	4		
Hiddenite	2	0	2		
Lebanon	4	0	4		
Linney's Grove	2	1	3		
Little River	2	1	3		
Macedonia	4	1	5		
Millersville	3	1	4		
Mt. Herman	4	1	5		
Mt. Olive	1	0	1		
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0		
Pilgrim	3	1	4		
Pleasant Hill	4	3	7		
Smyrna	1	0	1		
Stony Point	4	1	5		
Three Forks	1	0	1		
Sulphur Springs	4	1	5		
Total	53	19	72	63%	

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21 Churches * 4
messengers = 84
representing the Churches

Missions Development - *"ON MISSION"*

Associations that are "On Mission" help churches to network together to reach the unchurched with the gospel.

The Mission of the association of congregations is to support each other as they send mature believers into the community to reach that part of North Carolina with the Gospel.

While associations operate from several different philosophies, the best model presented by those who have studied associational missions is a partnership. The association partners with its congregations to mobilize maturing believers into the world with the Gospel. It is the center for training, resources, and consulting. It invests its energy back into the congregations. Healthy effective congregations produce healthy effective associations. This type of association supports the congregations. The association is only as healthy as its congregations.

The Field Book for North Carolina Associations, says, "It is possible to operate the most successful associational mission program in America and have congregations to continue to decline. How could this be possible? It is possible because the people get so excited about the successful associational program that they forget that a local congregation was established by our Lord to reach, mend, mature, and send mature disciples into the world with the Gospel. Many congregations love the parent/child relationship between them and the association as it takes the mission, ministry, and evangelism responsibility from them and gives them someone to blame for their decline."

The Mission of the association of congregations is" TO NETWORK THE CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER TO REACH, MEND, MATURE, AND SEND MATURE BELIEVERS INTO THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO LIVE GODLY LIVES AND TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. The association is all of the congregations supporting each other to be Great Commission Congregations.

May Alexander Baptist Association become that "ON MISSION ASSOCIATION".

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings

Christian Women's Job Corps of North Carolina

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The CWJC has seen a successful launch and second year of operation. We received Ingrid Townsend's resignation as our Site Coordinator during this last quarter. Ingrid brought much needed leadership in this our second year of work. She is mentoring new leadership in the administrative arm of our site. We have had three volunteers from the CWJC Board step in to serve as Tri-Coordinators during our transition period. This interim will help us to train new leadership that we believe will step in to take the reins of responsibility. Two of our ladies will attend the National training session in Birmingham, next month. This will give us three fully certified leaders. We are working to name one of these three as site director. Until then they are sharing the responsibility of leading our program.

Currently we have eight ladies being mentored in the program. We have received the second year of financial support through the Department of Social Services. We have also qualified for one other small grant and have had a generous gift from one of our association's supporters. Our goal, however is to replace the government grants so that no matter what state or federal budgets short falls are, we can continue our work. While there is nothing wrong with receiving support from these sources, they are not always dependable.

Our CWJC is serving as the springboard for ESL volunteers for the Alexander School System. This will afford them valuable work and volunteer experience.

Respectfully submitted,

SEPTEMBER 2001

Gary Jennings



Youth Ministers from our association and from other area churches meet once each month. We meet to plan events that will more effectively reach youth in our county and beyond with the gospel of Christ, and help disciple youth to grow in their Christian walk.

On April 27, 2001 the annual One Way Youth Rally was held at Three Forks Baptist Church. Evangelist Clayton King and former basketball great, Al Wood shared a challenging message to a packed house. Several decisions were made that evening as youth flooded the altar.

Every Fall 5th Quarters are held at Three Forks Baptist gym. A one hundred dollar prize for making a half court shot has encouraged many youth to attend this event. East Taylorsville, Stony Point, and other churches provide a shuttle from the high school to Three Forks after every home football game. This is a safe place for youth to gather for inspirational music, great food, and challenging preaching. Many decisions have been made for salvation, call to ministry, and a renewed walk with Christ. Please continue to pray for this effective outreach to our youth.

To encourage our youth before they returned to school in August, a joint youth worship service was held. On Wednesday night August 1, 2001 Jamie Steele taught an interactive Bible study to over two hundred youth from local churches. Inspiring music was provided by the Three Forks Praise Band.

All churches are encouraged to participate in the annual See You at the Pole this Wednesday September 19, 2001 at 7:00AM. Students will meet at their school flag poles to sing praises and pray for their school, teachers, leaders, and our nation. This event has been happening on school campuses around the world with increasing participation. Parents and other interested adults are encouraged to do a Prayer Journey (prayer walk) on Tuesday September 18th 7:00P.M. at their childrens school. For more information you can go to the web site www.syatp.com. Last year students met to pray at both middle schools, A.C.H.S., and many of the elementary schools. Our children and youth need you to be involved in this important prayer event.

I Timothy 4:12

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Yarborough

QUARTERLY SESSIONS PLANNING AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the recommendation of the Quarterly Sessions Planning and Place Committee:

The Winter Quarterly Session of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held at Lebanon Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on January 3, 2002.

The Spring Quarterly Session of the Association will be held at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on April 4, 2002.

The Summer Quarterly Session of the Association will be held at Mt Olive Baptist Church at 7:00 PM on July 11, 2002.

The 115th Annual Session of the Association will be held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church on October 3, 2002. The First Session will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, followed by a meal served at 6:00 PM at the church. The Second Session will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Craig Hamlin

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved by the Alexander Baptist Association in the 114th Annual Session that we are truly grateful for another year in this young millennium in which we could serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to the pastors and congregations of Mt. Ridge Baptist Church, Three Forks Baptist Church, and Macedonia Baptist Church for their warm hospitality, wonderful fellowship, and delicious food that were provided for us at the 3 quarterly sessions during 2000-2001. Special thanks go to Pastor Darren Lambert and the congregation of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for the extra preparations that were made for us at our annual session on October 4th. We are indeed appreciative for the delicious evening meal that was prepared and served to us by the ladies of the Pleasant Hill Church.

We are very appreciative of the associational leadership for their assistance in helping our churches to be more involved in evangelism and missions. Many thanks to them for providing informative and inspiration during the worship periods of our quarterly session. We have been blessed by the various speakers—especially during this annual session.

Our gratitude is extended to all the churches who have supported the ministry of Associational Missions—through their prayers, their gifts, and their cooperation and involvement during the year 2000-2001. May this be so in 2001-2002—“21 Churches on Mission Together—with God!”

Respectfully submitted,

Resolutions Committee

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When it comes to colleges, "*one size does not fit all.*" There is a difference.

North Carolina has 117 post-secondary institutions. Some are classified as community or technical colleges. Others are public, while some are private. Some are Bible colleges. One is a seminary and one is a junior college.

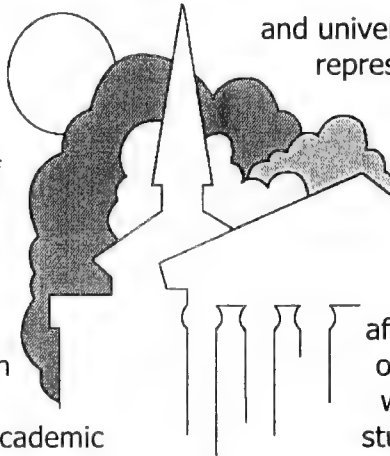
Some have large campuses, while others have modest facilities. Some have major sports teams, while others offer intramural events. Some have significant endowments, while others struggle to stay open. Some have government support, while others depend upon private support.

North Carolina Baptist colleges we trust and support. They that one's education should believe is not shared by every not allowed to invoke the name of worship God. North Carolina different.

and universities are unique. They are institutions represent places that share our core belief involve the heart, soul and mind. This institution in our state. Some are God, neither are they allowed to Baptist colleges, however, are

The colleges and universities Convention of North Carolina their Baptist heritage. Students on their faith through Bible study, opportunities in addition to their academic

associated with the Baptist State affirm their faith in God and acknowledge our campuses are challenged to develop worship, ministry and mission studies.



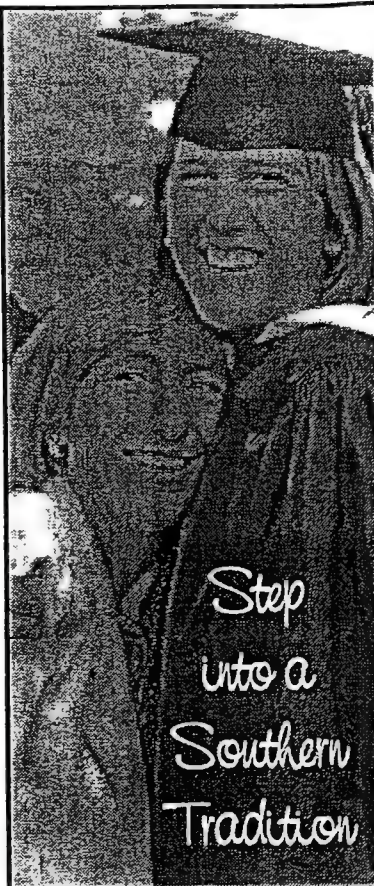
When a professor on one of our campuses was asked, "*Why have you chosen to be a part of this facility?*" He responded, "*Because I am free to mention the name of Jesus on this campus.*"

When it comes to colleges, "*one size does not fit all.*"

Students in our churches struggle when they are deciding which college or university to attend. It is a decision that will follow them the rest of their lives. If they choose a school where faith is left out of their educational experience, they will graduate with degrees without the benefit of their faith being challenged.

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BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

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WHAT IS BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (BRH) is one of North Carolina's most respected providers of long-term care. With four retirement communities throughout the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programs for conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. The Homes' new continuing care retirement community called The Gardens of Taylor Glen is under development near Charlotte. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirement Homes is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

ARE RESIDENTS OF BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES PRIMARILY BAPTISTS?

At the Brookridge Community, 60% of the resident population is Baptist. About 80% of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

WHAT IS THE COST OF SERVICES? ARE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY?

Fees vary according to facilities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each facility is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities owned and operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and from local Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care who are unable to pay the full cost of the services they need.

DOES THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORT BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES?

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention elect BRH Board members. In 1999, funds received from the Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and local Baptist churches totaled approximately \$1.6 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they receive.

WHERE ARE BRH FACILITIES LOCATED AND WHAT SERVICES DO THEY OFFER?

The Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem is a 44-acre continuing care retirement community, established in 1989. Brookridge offers its 300 residents independent and assisted living and nursing care services. Accommodations range from garden homes to apartments to assisted living and nursing care at the Prince Nursing Center. The Brookridge Transitional Care Unit opened in 1995, offering post-acute medical care on site. Home health care is also available on site through In Home Care, Inc., a Baptist Retirement Homes affiliate. Brookridge is a full-service retirement community, offering meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, religious activities, dementia services, a water therapy/exercise center, and more. For more information, contact:

Brookridge Retirement Community

1199 Hayes Forest Drive • Winston-Salem, NC 27106 • 336-759-1044 (FAX) 336-759-7389 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home (WNCBH) is located on a 22-acre tract atop Richmond Hill in northwest Asheville. The Home offers residents assisted living and nursing care. Established in 1979, the Home was recently renovated and expanded to accommodate 150 residents. WNCBH is a full service retirement facility that includes a memory-enhanced residence. It offers meal service, nursing services, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry, religious activities, and more. For more information, contact:

Western North Carolina Baptist Home

213 Richmond Hill Drive • Asheville, NC 28806 • 828-254-9675 (FAX) 828-254-0253 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Hamilton Baptist Home is a 30-bed assisted living facility located on 18 acres in Hamilton, in eastern North Carolina. Recently renovated to enhance the comfort of the residents, the Home has been in operation since 1963. Services include all daily meals, recreational activities, housekeeping, laundry services, medication assistance, religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

Hamilton Baptist Home

301 North Railroad Street • Hamilton, NC 27840 • 252-798-5901 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Taylor House is home to 30 residents in Albemarle, in North Carolina's Piedmont region. Situated in a residential neighborhood, The Taylor House opened in 1954 and was renovated in 1997. It offers a full range of assisted living services, including three meals daily, housekeeping, private rooms, laundry service, medication monitoring, recreational and religious activities and more. For more information, contact:

The Taylor House

319 Palmer Street • Albemarle, NC 28001 • 704-982-4217 • (FAX) 704-982-5366 • Web site: www.brh.org

The Gardens of Taylor Glen is a continuing care retirement community under development in Concord. For more information, contact:

The Gardens of Taylor Glen

3700 Taylor Glen Lane • Concord, NC 28025 • 704-788-6510 • Web site: www.brh.org

In-Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid-certified home health care program designed to provide nursing and therapy services to North Carolina Older Adults. For more information, contact:

In-Home Care

22 Miller Street • Winston-Salem, NC 27104 • 336-722-1470

MORE QUESTIONS? CALL THE BAPTIST ELDER CARE NETWORK 1-800-887-7410

The Elder Care Network is a free service offered by Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. to Older Adults and their families. One number connects you to a statewide system of caregivers, community resources, and retirement communities to help you deal with the many difficult issues of aging.



Web site: www.brh.org



THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

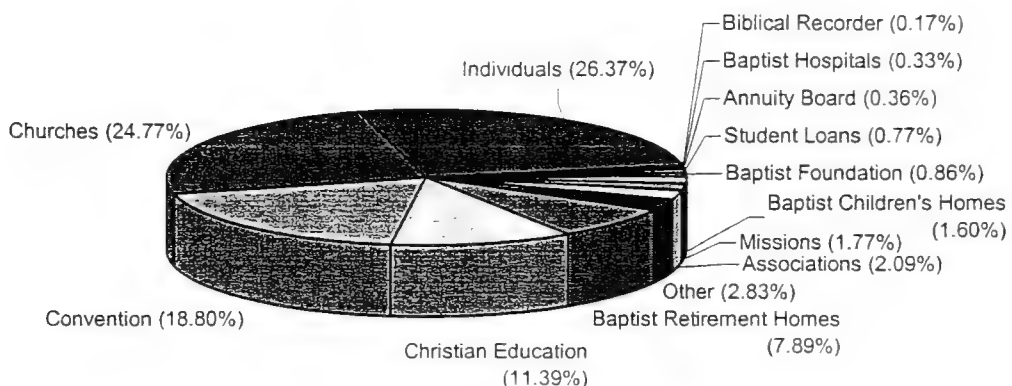
During 2000, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 30 endowment funds and 18 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.9 million and received \$3.6 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 164 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$4.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of \$10.1 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of \$9.3 million recorded in 1999.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2000, the Foundation held \$97.4 million under management. This is an increase of more than \$4.1 million over 1999.

The Foundation also experienced a record year in distributions in 2000. The previous high in distributions was 1999, with \$5.3 million distributed to charity and individuals. In the year 2000, our distribution totaled 9.1 million dollars, with charity receiving \$6.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.4 million. During the 81-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$18.5 million has been distributed to individuals and \$32.4 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$47.1 million.

Nancy Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

2000 DISTRIBUTIONS



Report to 2001 the Associations



"Touching Lives With Hope"

HOSPITAL FOCUSED ON PARTNERSHIPS IN HEALING

"We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Baptist Hospital's founding commission penned these words in 1921, and this partnership in healing has been our defining purpose. Our Christian heritage remains the foundation of Baptist Hospital and undergirds our daily commitment to provide compassionate, state-of-the-art medical care to those we serve. The Christian faith is truly the "soul of our institution."

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The mission of the School of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital is: *To provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ.* We are thankful that North Carolina Baptists are a significant partner in this mission, helping us bring hope to thousands of people each year.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided ministry during the past year through more than 61,000 pastoral visits, and worship services every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The department's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program received a 10-year accreditation from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education site review team. Fifty-eight students received training in one of the largest and finest CPE programs in America.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to develop its ministries. Rev. Steve Scoggin became the director of the system's newest center, the East Carolina Counseling Centers, Inc., in Greenville, N.C. CareNet's counseling centers provided more than 25,500 hours of compassionate pastoral counseling in 17 locations across the state during the year. It is the largest pastoral counseling system in the nation. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, free or reduced rate counseling is made available to lower income people.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to assist churches in becoming healthier communities of faith. The Center provides consultation to 25 congregations a month. Over 600 church leaders received training in educational events conducted by the Center during the past year. These include the Young Leaders Program for ministers under age 40, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, the Center receives essential support for its ministries. This support pays for initial consultation for all Baptist churches, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers who need special financial assistance.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve as a liaison between the Hospital and churches of the Baptist State Convention. The department's director, Rev. Paul Mullen, provided ministry through 150 requests for assistance with obtaining medical care or concerns about medical bills. More than \$65,000 was provided to N.C. Baptist ministers and their families by the 25% subsidy for their hospital bills. A variety of benevolent ministries was also coordinated, primarily the Baptist Benevolent Care Fund.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

North Carolina Baptists, through the Mother's Day Offering, opened their hearts to patients in financial need and gave \$560,624 in 2000 for the compassionate mission of benevolent care at Baptist Hospital. All of these funds were used to pay the hospital bills of patients in financial need. The fund helps patients who "fall between the cracks," making too much for government assistance but not enough to pay for healthcare insurance. They are deeply thankful to N.C. Baptists for this gracious witness to God's love. As one recipient said, "God smiled on us through the Baptists of North Carolina." Her son is a 13-year-old cancer patient.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Ranked Among the Nation's Best – Baptist Hospital, part of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, ranks among the nation's top hospitals according to the July 2001 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*. One hundred eighty-eight of the nation's 6,299 hospitals appear on this list.

Comprehensive Cancer Center Recognized for Excellence – The Medical Center's Comprehensive Cancer Center received a 5-year renewal of its status from the National Cancer Institute. The Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only 37 such centers in the nation, and is the only one in western North Carolina. It includes Prostate and Breast Cancer Centers of Excellence.

Medical Center Earns Recognition for Trauma Care – Baptist Hospital, a Level One Trauma Center, received verification in both adult and pediatric trauma services in February 2001 by the American College of Surgeons. It is the first Level One Trauma Center in North Carolina to receive such recognition.

Downtown Health Plaza Opens – The 47,000 square foot Downtown Health Plaza opened in 2001 to provide healthcare for underserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties. Thousands of indigent children, adolescents, and adults have received compassionate and thorough medical care during the year.

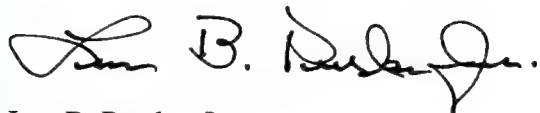
Expansion of Brenner Children's Hospital – Construction of a 400,000 square foot, 11-story addition to the hospital's Ardmore Tower is moving toward completion. Six of the floors will provide space for Brenner Children's facilities, such as private patient rooms, family resource centers, and programs for children with disabilities. The Tower will also include new cardiac catheterization labs and operating rooms.

Information and Appointments – For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

A CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The values of our Christian faith are the guiding principles of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital mission. We are strongly committed to be a place of healing, bridging compassionate and respectful care in the Spirit of Christ with the best of medical science and technology. This commitment reflects our heritage and shapes our vision for the future. We are thankful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partner in this healing mission. We were created to serve and care for people in times of their greatest healthcare needs, and we are here for you.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.

President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

Biblical Recorder

2001 Associational Report

Baptists cling stubbornly to the idea that people should think for themselves and make up their own minds about issues of importance. For this reason, Baptists affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) are fortunate to have a resource that provides regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of wide-ranging matters relating to Baptist life.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the official news journal of the BSCNC, has served this purpose since its establishment in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, a prime mover in founding the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The *Biblical Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors for news and editorial writing in 2000.

The *Biblical Recorder's* strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists grows from its mission statement: ***"to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."***

As a BSC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological, and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the *Recorder* work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark informed thinking on important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts, and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the *Recorder*.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular presence on the World Wide Web, significantly enhanced through major upgrades in early 2001. The *Recorder's* website at www.biblicalrecorder.org offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content online, and allows for the posting of breaking news prior to the printing of the next issue. New features include an internal search engine, a church locator service, classified ads, Bible study resources and a news/weather portal. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Currently, the annual rates are:

- ◆ Church News Service (incorporates church newsletter into the *Recorder*) - \$7.50
- ◆ Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - \$8.50
- ◆ Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - \$9.75
- ◆ Individual Subscription - \$11.90

Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Baptist Children's Homes serves record number of children. In 2000, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina served a record 2,000 children and more than 1,600 families statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde, a maternity home in Asheville, a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir, value change homes for boys and girls in Franklin and Asheville and for girls in Lenoir, a wilderness camp for boys in Cameron, emergency care cottages at each of the residential campuses and in Waynesville, and a model day care in Thomasville.

Children tell their stories during Baptist State Convention report. Standing ovations, applause and heartfelt hugs greeted the children and staff at their 30-minute presentation during the 2000 Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. More than 130 BCH children, child care workers and staff sang, shared their stories and said "thank you" to the approximately 4,500 messengers attending the Tuesday afternoon session. Messengers heard the special testimonies from Citadel graduating senior and former Broyhill Home resident Jason Davis and Hannah Adams' mother Donna. Hannah has participated in both the 2000 and 2001 BCH Respite Camp for Developmentally Disabled Adults.

Jason Davis thanks messengers. Jason was featured in the 1995 Baptist Children's Homes report to the convention. At that time he was 17 and dreamed of a career in the Air Force. During his testimony at the 2000 convention, Jason appeared in the full dress uniform of The Citadel. He reminded messengers that if it had not been for their care and support he could have never realized his dream. He told messengers that he credited them for the opportunities he has known. Jason said he plans to always come back to visit the children and just as others gave to help him, he would give to help the other children who would come to BCH after him. Upon his graduation from The Citadel in May 2001, Jason Davis was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Donna Adams claims Developmental Disabilities Ministry an answer to prayer. The final testimony of the BCH presentation was not given by a child, but by a mother. Donna Adams of Laurinburg strained to maintain her composure as she shared how BCH's new ministry for developmentally disabled adults was the answer to her prayers. Adam's daughter Hannah suffered brain damage as an infant. Today, Hannah is a beautiful young woman. Donna said she is comforted in knowing North Carolina Baptists and the Baptist Children's Homes would be there as her family plan for Hannah's future. She thanked messengers on behalf of other parents and families of developmentally disabled children for their support and commitment to this ministry.

North Carolina Baptists reach \$1,000,000 Thanksgiving Offering goal. Because of the support of Baptist churches all across North Carolina, Baptist Children's Homes met the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering goal of \$1,000,000! The goal was record for the agency. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell said he was "enormously gratified at this outpouring response." Baptist Children's Homes is grateful to all North Carolina Baptists who committed themselves to help meet this challenging goal.

First Baptist Church of Salisbury sets goal they couldn't reach. Interim pastor Dr. Dale Steel said collecting a church record of \$18,300 for the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering was fun.

Dr. Steel recounted the meetings that led to setting the church's goal at 1% of the total BCH goal of \$1 million or \$10,000. In 1999, the church gave approximately \$3,500. The church's leadership decided to set a goal they could not reach on their own. Leading with prayer and a commitment to meet their goal, the church watched as they passed their goal and reached their record amount. One month after receiving the record Thanksgiving Offering, the First Baptist Church of Salisbury collected the third-largest Lottie Moon ingathering in 11 years. Dr. Steel credits the church's vision, enthusiasm and determination to do their part for missions as being the key to their success.

BCH breaks ground on two new DDM homes, and dedicates new children's cottage in Marshville. In June, Baptist Children's Homes broke ground for two new group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem. The homes – Davis House and Hinkle House – are being built adjacent to BCH's Baptist House at Bethabara and will open in early 2002. The R.P and Ella Mae Stegall Home was dedicated August 19, 2001. The new group home is located in Marshville and provides residential care for nine boys.

***New Millennium Families* study guide offered to churches.** The study guide to accompany Dr. Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* is being made available to churches for group Bible studies this fall. Dr. Blackwell believes BCH can help strengthen families in North Carolina Baptist churches and is committed to providing the necessary resources. Dr. Blackwell's new book, *A Place for Miracles*, is a history of Baptist Children's Homes, and will be available in late 2001.

BCH anticipates another record Thanksgiving Offering. The 2001 Thanksgiving Offering goal is \$1,100,000. This represents a \$100,000 increase over last year's record-setting amount. The number may seem enormous, but there is an enormous need. Children and families turn to BCH broken, battered and burdened. But with the help of North Carolina Baptists, BCH shows them God's love. BCH is counting on North Carolina Baptist churches to help meet this important goal during this time of economic uncertainty. Call 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1209 to order promotional material, the new Thanksgiving Offering video, last year's BCH Convention Presentation video or to request a speaker to tell the BCH story in person.

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, church-designated and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables us to fulfill our mission statement: "helping hurting children...healing broken families.

BCH is grateful for North Carolina Baptists' prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael C. Blackwell, President
Sandy Saunders, Chairman
Board of Trustees

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 2001

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of this great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

A. Christian Values

- a. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Sixth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.
- b. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 17,000 copies have been mailed. CAL was instrumental in getting HB 195 passed that would allow public schools to post the Ten Commandments. This bill passed 94-18 on 7/26/2001.
- c. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians through email alerts and radio.
- d. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust" through our newsletter and providing a link from our website for the purchase of these posters.
- e. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.
- f. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention

B. Radio

"Christians In Action", Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, has expanded to WAEE, 91.9 FM in New Bern and WRNA (1140 AM) and WRKB (AM 1460) in Kannapolis. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

C. Gambling

- a. The Christian Action League has been instrumental in keeping a lottery referendum bill in Committee. Through our newsletter, emails, radio and postal service, we have encouraged the Christian Citizens of North Carolina to keep letters and calls constantly coming in to the N. C. General Assembly telling their legislators they do not want a lottery in North Carolina.
- b. The Executive Director and President of CAL joined Citizens United Against the Lottery in a grassroots effort to fight the lottery. The Executive Director spoke at a news conference held at the Press Room of the Legislative Building by this group. Members of CUAL are Chuck Neeley, former gubernatorial candidate, Frank Daniels, Jr., former publisher of the News and Observer, Dr. William Friday, former President of the UNC System; Dr. Billy Graham, U. S. Senator Lauch Faircloth, former State Treasurer Harlan Boyles and former Governor Robert Scott.
- c. CAL has held "A Christian Looks at Gambling" workshops in Statesville, Burlington, Morehead City, New Bern, Laurinburg, Asheville, Charlotte, Beulaville and Salisbury, areas whose legislators were targeted as "on the fence" on the lottery issue.
- d. The League has provided a packet of gambling materials for preachers across the state to use in educating their people about the dangers of a lottery.

D. Abortion

- a. The Executive Director of CAL spoke before a Senate Committee to promote HB 275 – Infant Homicide Prevention Act. The bill, which nearly failed to get out of the House in the spring, gained near unanimous support after the Christian Action League got behind the legislation. The bill allows mothers under certain circumstances to avoid abandonment charges if they leave their newborn with a responsible adult or health care provider. The League believes that this is an alternative to abortion and infant homicide after birth.
- b. CAL has encouraged its members to call President Bush to encourage him to stand firm for the sanctity of human life on the issue of stem cell research through emails.

E. Alcohol

- c. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January, 2001. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials. Wilson Mills was successful in defeating off-premise beer and wine sales.
- d. Worked in the General Assembly for defeat of HB 1143 – Sports Club ABC Permits which would allow liquor-by-the-drink without a vote of the people. Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of CAL, spoke before the Senate Committee against this bill. Unfortunately, the Governor signed this bill into law on 5/30/2001.

E. Pornography

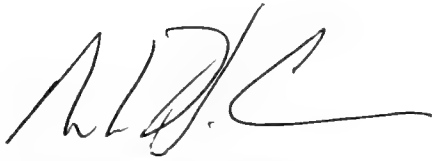
Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public of the internet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

G. Homosexuality

CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our email alert and news letter. We tract bills that would give protected status for homosexuals. Several bills this session are HB 941, HB 871 and SB 547; all remain in committee.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send out an email alert every Friday to over 600 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.

Working For A Better North Carolina

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Reverend Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

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Coy C. Privette
President

Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Antioch – The church celebrated its 175th Anniversary (July 29, 1826 – July 29, 2001) with a month-long celebration during July.

Beulah – The church ordained Mr. Randall Fox as a Deacon.

East Taylorsville – Rev. Gary Jennings led a medical mission team to the Philippines in April 2001.

Hiddenite – The church built a balcony in the sanctuary.

Little River – The church completed renovations of sanctuary and held its first service on Sunday, April 8, 2001. The first baptismal service was held in the new sanctuary on Sunday, August 19, 2001 with 5 baptismal candidates.

Linney's Grove – The church started a new building program to add a baptistry to the sanctuary and a new choir loft.

Millersville – A building dedication service was held on November 5, 2000 for the new Child Development Center. On January 28, 2001, the church debt note was burned.

Pleasant Hill – On April 21, 2001, the educational building and old sanctuary were destroyed by fire.

Taylorsville First – The church held a ground breaking for a new Family Life Center and Administration Building.

Three Forks – Rev. Mike Runion headed up the 2000 Alexander Crusade. Several from the church participated in a Mission Trip to Russia. Josh Ray participated in a Youth Mission Trip to Peru. The youth of the church participated in a Youth Camp "Mission Trip: to Panama City Beach, Florida.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgamer	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorville	W.J. Bumgamer	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgamer	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgamer	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgamer	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgamer	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgamer	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgamer	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgamer	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgamer	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Carter	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim.....	Grady Kerley.....	Robert Boggs.....	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville.....			
1976	Mt. Herman.....	Ray Shumate.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks.....			
1977	East Taylorsville.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Ronald Rowe.....	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch.....			
1978	Hiddenite.....	Richard Hicks.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville.....			
1979	Macedonia.....	D.L. Bumgarner.....	Marshall Sargent.....	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon.....			
1980	Grace.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Richard Hicks.....	Eline Lackey
	Beulah.....			
1981	Poplar Springs.....	Leroy Clack.....	Richard Hicks.....	Eline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill.....			
1982	Oxford Memorial.....	Gary Jennings.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Eline Lackey
	Mt. Olive.....			
1983	Millersville.....	Robert Boggs.....	Kenneth Lambert.....	Eline Lackey
	Little River.....			
1984	Antioch.....	Cecil Lovelace.....	James Pierce.....	Eline Lackey
	Three Forks.....			
1985	Bethlehem.....	James Pierce.....	James Pierce.....	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove.....			
1986	Smyrna.....	Ken Walters.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman.....			
	Stony Point.....			
1987	Macedonia.....	Keith Childers.....	Dwight Austin.....	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville.....			
	Oxford Memorial.....			
1988	Poplar Springs.....	Dwight Austin.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite.....			
	Grace.....			
1989	Millersville.....	Michael Blevins.....	Dennis Spivey.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Mountain Ridge.....			
1990	Three Forks.....	Terry Ashe.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist.....			
	Mt. Olive.....			
1991	Lebanon.....	C. David Boan.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch.....			
	Pilgrim.....			
	Antioch.....			
1992	Little River.....	David Horton.....	Kenneth Kerley.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove.....			
	Bethlehem.....			
1993	Mt. Herman.....	Larry Blakley.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point.....			
	Smyrna.....			
1994	Grace.....	Michael Blevins.....	Kenneth Walters.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia.....			
	East Taylorsville.....			
1995	Hiddenite.....	Larry Allen.....	Joe McDuffie.....	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill.....			
	Millersville.....			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah
1999	Little River.....William Wease.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove
	Bethlehem
2000	Millersville.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Smyrna.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Hiddenite.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
2001	Mountain Ridge.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Three Forks.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Macedonia.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Pleasant Hill.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble

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Member/Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2001																								
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina			County	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Director of Association Missions Rev William O Goble Jr Address P O Box 875 Taylorville, NC 28681				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Resident Members	TOTAL BAPTISMS	Baptisms Under 6	Baptisms Ages 6-8	Baptisms Ages 9-11	Baptisms Ages 12-17	Baptisms Ages 18-29	Baptisms Ages 30-59	Baptisms 60 & Up	Other Additions	New Member Training	Year Organized	Year pastor Came	Location (A-J)	AM Worship Service Attendance	Church-Type Missions Started	Ch -Type Mis Oper	Lost/Unchurc ed (Y/N)	Assoc Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	Interces Prayer (Y/N)
Churches			Pastors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)																					
Antioch	Dr. Richard W. Jordan 511 Isaac Creek Drive Hickory, NC 28601-8344	Alexander	582	507	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	1826	1998	A	185	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Behlehem	Dr. Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	1001	900	21	0	6	3	3	3	2	6	1	22	22	1871	2000	G	395	0	0 Y	N	Y	
Beulah	Rev Brenti Dula 111 Marsh Road NE Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	250	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1916	2001	D	57	0	0 Y	N	Y	
Calvary	Rev Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	289	289	14	0	2	4	3	3	1	4	0	8	0	1948	1988	C	317	0	0 Y	N	Y	
East Taylorville	Rev Gary W. Jennings P O Box 906 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	1438	1308	31	0	9	4	4	4	11	2	1	35	31	1924	1971	C	473	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Hiddenite	Rev Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	293	191	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	1915	2000	C	144	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Lebanon	Rev Keith Childers 3633 Roomella Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	203	144	5	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	1884	1985	A	130	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Linney's Grove	Rev William Wease 158 Jennings Road Statesville, NC 28625	Alexander	217	200	6	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1895	1991	A	105	0	0 N	Y	Y	
Little River	Rev Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	370	359	5	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	12	15	1792	1997	A	192	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Macedonia	Rev Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	164	164	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1840	2000	A	100	0	1 Y	Y	Y	
Millersville	Rev Bill Owen 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	789	702	20	0	4	3	1	1	2	10	0	12	0	1923	1997	B	383	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Mountain Ridge	Rev Paul Stroncorse 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy West Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	264	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1912	1999	A	145	0	0 Y	N	Y	
Mt Olive	Rev Doris W Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	148	94	7	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	9	0	1865	2000	A	50	0	0 N	Y	N	
Pilgrim	Rev Jerry Gwainney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	206	196	6	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1837	1991	A	125	0	0 N	Y	Y	
Pleasant Hill	Rev Daren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	307	259	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1852	1997	A	125	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Smyrna	Rev Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	224	198	6	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	8	0	1923	1987	A	100	0	0 N	Y	N	
Stony Point	Rev Brenti H. Kasey 416 York Road Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	619	543	7	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	0	10	4	1909	1999	C	254	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Suphur Springs	Rev Steve Parks 82 Patterson Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	324	324	6	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	0	9	10	1867	1994	A	215	0	0 N	N	Y	
Taylorville First	Rev Roger D Underwood P O Box 305 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	608	353	6	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	17	0	1851	1998	C	212	0	0 N	Y	Y	
Three Forks	Rev Michael Rumion 28 Chapman Mill Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	654	440	21	0	0	1	12	12	2	4	2	10	0	1857	1998	A	340	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
TOTALS				8,960	7,497	171	-	34	29	38	31	34	5	172	85	1857	1998	A	4,047	-	-	1	2	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS				8,724	7,354	173	1	23	48	49	19	35	-	181	74				3,697					

Miscellaneous Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2001																	
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Director of Association Missions Rev William O. Goble, Jr Address P O Box 875 Taylorville, NC 28681	County	Number of Annals Needed	Liturgical Services	Traditional Services	Praise & Worship Services	Blended Services	Age Targeted Service	Deaf Ministry	Blind/Visually Impaired Member	Special Education Ministry	Literacy Mission Ministry	Mobility Challenged Members	Sunday Night Discipleship Training Class	Small Groups (Other than Sunday School)	Spiritual Gift Discovery	New Member Class
Churches	Pastors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)																
Anioch	Dr. Richard W. Jordan 511 Isaac Creek Drive Hickory, NC 28601-8344	Alexander	20		3			1		X			X		AYC		AYC
Bethlehem	Dr. Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4	0	0	1	1	0							AYC,P		AC
Beulah	Rev. Brent Dula 111 Marsh Road NE Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4		3										Y,C,P		
Calvary	Rev. Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4		3												
East Taylorville	Rev. Gary W. Jennings P.O. Box 808 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4				1								AYC,P		A
Hiddenite	Rev. Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	3		3			2			Y				AYC		
Lebanon	Rev. Keith Childers 3683 Robinette Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4				3										
Linney's Grove	Rev. William Wease 158 Jennings Road Statesville, NC 28625	Alexander	10	0	2	0	0	0									
Little River	Rev. Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	25		2			1 X						AYC,P			
Macedonia	Rev. Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4		1												
Millersville	Rev. Bill Orrin 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	1		3												
Mountain Ridge	Rev. Paul Schmonce 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy West Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	10														
Mt. Olive	Rev. Dora W. Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	20	0	1	0	0	0									
Pilgrim	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	4		2												
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Darren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	10		3												
Smyrna	Rev. Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	4														
Stony Point	Rev. Brant H. Kasey 416 York Road Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	4	0	2	0	0	1						AYC			
Sulphur Springs	Rev. Steve Parks 82 Patterson Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	50	1	2	0	0	1						A			AY
Taylorville First	Rev. Roger D. Underwood P.O. Box 305 Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	12	1													
Three Forks	Rev. Michael Rulon 28 Chapman Mill Road Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	10	0	2	0	0	0						AYC,P A			
TOTALS			207	2	32	1	6	8									
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS																	

Bible Study/Sunday School Info. Year Ending 08/31/2001		15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Association Sunday School Director Rev. Paul Schronce Address 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy W Taylorsville NC 28681	TOTAL ENROLLMENT													
Churches	Sunday School Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)														
Antioch	Mrs. Tanya Reid PO Box 1688, Hickory, NC 28603-1688	281	22	35	35	24	52	41	43	27	2	0	172	21	158
Bethlehem	Mr. Gary Pierce 75 Greenfield Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	681	42	92	94	37	56	148	113	83	6	10	337	107	300
Beulah	Mr. Tommy Watson, P.O. Box 814, Taylorsville, NC 28681	52	2	3	6	0	4	4	2	10	0	21	30	6	75
Calvary	Mr. Keith Bowman P.O. Box 80, Scotts, NC 28699	233	33	39	18	9	24	47	45	18	0	0	167	25	176
East Taylorsville	Mr. Matt Johnson P.O. Box 264, Hiddenite, NC 28636	634	69	63	86	24	71	64	204	25	8	20	420	20	75
Hiddenite	Mr. Thomas R. Warren 68 Waugh Lane Hiddenite, NC 28636	129	15	16	30	5	12	10	15	22	4	0	97	2	140
Lebanon	Mr. Danny Brown 1110 Liberty Grove Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	88	12	14	9	10	17	8	10	8	0	0	71	0	70
Linney's Grove	Mr. Phil Millisaps 4304 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	112	12	20	10	14	6	38	8	2	2	0	86	12	98
Little River	Mr. Bill Reavis 288 Robertson Road, Wilkesboro, NC 28697	197	17	22	20	11	21	59	15	28	4	0	120	20	115
Macedonia	Mr. Ronnie Reese 89 Luther Stafford Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	65	2	11	5	4	0	14	0	24	5	0	63	5	98
Millersville	Mr. Darrell Pierce 240 Earl Icenhour Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	326	67	45	29	6	37	76	40	26	0	0	220	13	288
Mountain Ridge															
Mt. Herman	Mr. Bob Brewington 445 Lynell Street NE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	159	18	17	19	7	13	24	24	32	5	0	122	0	89
Mt. Olive	Mr. Larry Herman 1736 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	45	4	4	11	1	3	6	6	10	0	0	29	0	56
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell 75 Forest Acre Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	91	11	10	5	6	10	14	8	26	1	0	80	0	88
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Bill Robinson 1050 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	126	10	14	16	14	12	22	18	19	1	0	93	12	82
Smyrna	Mr. Tim Cheewing 6718 Hwy 16 South, Taylorsville, NC 28681	77	17	13	10	0	0	8	0	13	5	11	63	0	90
Stony Point	Mr. Joel Sigmon 478 York Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	378	57	58	28	14	16	79	51	65	10	0	207	23	287
Sulphur Springs	Mr. Roy Durnite 361 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	181	39	20	15	40	11	10	12	29	5	0	140	15	158
Taylorsville First	Mr. Darwin L. Bell 120 Third Av. Dr. SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	262	30	35	16	4	29	47	46	53	2	0	138	12	226
Three Forks	None	378	56	27	24	28	70	92	18	56	7	0	241	4	198
TOTALS		4,495	535	558	466	258	464	811	678	576	67	62	2,896	297	2,867
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		4,316	460	577	468	192	465	865	-	1,064	71	114	2,772	203	2,363

Discipleship Training Information Year Ending 08/31/2001		19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	Add 19 & 20
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Discipleship Training Director Address Mrs. Cathy Hartness PO Box 495 Stony Point, NC 28678	TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING											
Churches	Discipleship Training Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)												
Antioch	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Bethlehem	Mr. Jonathan Fox 178 Fox Creek Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681	61	5	25	30	0	1	125	0	0	0	125	186
Beulah	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Calvary	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
East Taylorsville	Rev. Craig Hamlin P.O. Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681	148	0	30	65	50	3	165	0	80	65	20	313
Hiddenite	Rev. Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	72	0	8	25	34	5	38	0	8	25	5	110
Lebanon	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Liney's Grove	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Little River	Mr. Bill McNeely 1425 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	76	4	20	20	29	3	0	0	0	0	0	76
Macedonia	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Millersville	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Mountain Ridge								0					-
Mt. Herman	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
Mt. Olive	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Pilgrim	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Pleasant Hill	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Smyrna	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Stony Point	None	135	0	55	0	78	2	177	0	110	26	41	312
Suphur Springs	Mr. David Unthank 71 Ret Stafford Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	2	0	0	0	0	2	31	0	0	6	25	33
Taylorsville First	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Three Forks	Mr. Toon Barnes 284 Chapman Mill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	196	27	18	20	128	3	0	0	0	0	0	196
TOTALS		690	36	156	160	319	19	538	-	198	122	218	1,228
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		660	74	170	138	251	27	671	40	127	170	334	1,331

Music Ministry Information Year Ending 08/31/2001						
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Music Director Mrs. Sheila Austin Address 131 Ginger Creek Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681					
Churches	Music Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)	21 TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT	21a Preschool 3-5 yrs.	21b Children 6-11 yrs.	21c Youth 12-17 yrs.	21d Adult Choirs 18 & Up
Antioch	Mrs. Sheila Austin, 131 Ginger Creek Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7807	83	10	23	0	30
Bethlehem	Rev. Jimmy Preachers, 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	118	15	25	24	54
Beulah	Mr. Tommy Watson, P.O. Box 814, Taylorsville, NC 28681	18	0	2	3	10
Calvary	Mr. Kurt Dyson, 90 Edgewood Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681	203	14	33	20	86
East Taylorsville	Mr. Rodney Boutwell, P.O. Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681	135	12	27	20	70
Hiddenite	Rev. Jason Guyer, 2083 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	91	10	25	20	30
Lebanon	Mr. Richard Bumgarner, 215 Mt. Olive Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	64	7	10	5	33
Linney's Grove	Mr. Danny R. Millsaps, 8114 Vashiti Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	30	0	3	6	21
Little River	Mr. David R. Mecimore, 58 Fairgrounds Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	185	19	32	34	81
Macedonia	Mr. Robert Cook, 325 7th Street SW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	20	0	0	0	20
Millersville	Mr. Tom Seamone, 125 Winterhaven, Taylorsville, NC 28681	105	15	20	10	60
Mountain Ridge						
Mt. Herman	Mr. Louis Robinson, 533 18th Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601	49	0	12	2	27
Mt. Olive	Mr. Steve Childers, 7972 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	30	1	4	8	17
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell, 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	50	4	7	10	29
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Amy Dagenhart, 190 Jay Burke Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	63	10	20	4	29
Smyrna	Mr. Barry Mullis, 4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	76	5	9	15	32
Stony Point	Mrs. Shirley Lackey, 259 Harris Bridge Rd, Stony Point, NC 28678	102	7	28	17	36
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Kim Davis, 921 Sharpe Mill Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636-6192	77	15	10	10	31
Taylorsville First	Mr. Ron Vannoy, 205 Valley Road, Hickory, NC 28601	165	10	25	15	50
Three Forks	Mr. Escar Childers, 1219 Gil Childers Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681-9289	100	10	10	20	60
TOTALS		1,764	164	325	243	806
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		1,717	153	356	213	773
						226
						222

Missions Involvement/Education (includes WMU & Brotherhood) Year Ending 06/31/2001		22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25			
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Associational WMU Director and Address Mrs. Kim Urbank, 71 Re Sanford Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681-6204 Associational Brotherhood Director and Address Mr. David Urbank, 71 Re Sanford Lane, Taylorsville NC 28681-6204		MISSION PROJECTS PART.		Local Community	State/National	US/Canada	International	TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT	Mission Friends B-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	WMU Leadership Team	TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	Mission Action Groups	Other Missions Education
Churches	WMU Director & Addresses (include Zip Code) / Brotherhood Directors & Addresses																				
Antioch	Mrs. Viva Cline, 859 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7938																				
	Mrs. Susan Jordan, 511 Isaac Creek Drive, Hickory, NC 28601-8344	76	15	42	19	0	114	13	9	30	50	12	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Wanda Ledford, 387 Whiston Hill Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
	None	182	63	25	100	4	66	8	10	10	25	3	73	33	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Maude Fox, 420 Black Oak Ridge Road #5, Taylorsville, NC 28681		0	0	0	0	11	0	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	None/None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Mary Ann Winchel, 21 Oakdale Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
	Mr. Donald Russell, 2982 Varsity Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	369	200	150	0	9	52	10	10	0	30	2	60	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hiddenite	Mrs. Sandra T. Martow, 6957 Old Varsity Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636																				
	Mr. Les Simard, 64 Church Road Ext., Hiddenite, NC 28636	63	17	17	22	7	69	14	18	25	12	2	65	10	10	30	15	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	None/None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Linney's Grove	None/None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mrs. Sandra Lowrance, 7752 NC Hwy 18 N, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	0	0	2	1	0	28	0	4	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	None	3	0	2	1	0															
	Mrs. Karen Lackey, 484 Quarry Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636																				
Macedonia	None	70	30	15	0	25	15	0	0	0	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millersville	Mrs. Diane Fox, 82 S. Bethlehem Terrace Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
	Mr. Russell Greene, 161 Johnny Wike Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	102	50	50	1	1	99	25	24	0	45	6	62	20	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Ridge																					
Mt. Herman	Mrs. Betty Lovette, 6165 US 64 NC 90 Hwy W, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
	Mr. Kenneth Kerley, 1330 All Healing Springs Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	16	12	3	0	1	46	8	7	6	24	1	14	0	0	14	0	0	14	0	0
Mt. Olive	Mrs. June Lynn Forner, 75 Moore Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, NC 28654																				
	Wade Forner, 75 Moore Mountain Road, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	10	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	0	5	1	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0
	Mrs. Baise Cernigan, 8401 Chestnut Ford Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636																				
Pilgrim	None	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mrs. Lana Campbell, 315 Daniels Lumber Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
Pleasant Hill	None	15	15	0	0	0	35	10	20	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mrs. Glenn Seizer, 395 Old Landfill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
Smyrna	None	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mrs. Cathy Hartman, P.O. Box 485, Story Point, NC 28678																				
Story Point	Mr. Steve Lackey, 259 Harris Bridge Road, Story Point, NC 28679	82	50	20	4	8	66	8	15	0	40	3	45	16	0	28	0	0	28	0	0
	Mrs. Kay Durnire, P.O. Box 4, Hiddenite, NC 28636-0004																				
Sulphur Springs	Mr. David Urbank, 71 Re Sanford Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-6204	25	15	10	0	0	51	16	0	0	28	7	60	12	8	30	0	0	30	0	0
	Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, 75 Calaway Dr., Taylorsville, NC 28681																				
Taylorsville First	Mr. Gary Watts, 45 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	80	50	12	7	11	77	14	20	7	32	4	22	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mrs. Melissa Chikens, 3287 Three Forks Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7116																				
Three Forks	Mr. Les Herman, 383 David Herman Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7441	103	60	15	15	13	86	15	12	0	49	10	32	10	0	22	0	0	22	0	0
	TOTALS	1,198	587	361	179	79	831	146	156	80	388	81	440	138	22	266	15	0	266	15	0
	PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	1,113	447	384	194	108	878	85	208	103	427	67	623	180	48	241	74	0	241	74	130

IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.

Digest of Letters	County	1	3	4	15	16	18	Add 19 & 20	21	23	24	Add 26-28	Add 29-35	29	30	36	37
Churches		Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Value of Church Property	Congregational Debt
Antioch	Alexander	582	3	3	281	172	158	0	83	114	19	390,063	44,427	12,776	6,681	2,211,750	0
Bethlehem	Alexander	1001	21	22	681	337	300	186	118	66	73	722,861	83,324	57,443	3,000	2,350,000	323,361
Beulah	Alexander	250	0	0	52	30	75	0	18	11	0	43,327	1,403	300	200	680,000	0
Calvary	Alexander	289	14	8	233	167	176	0	203	0	0	276,063	21,673	0	0	2,021,940	0
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1438	31	35	634	420	75	313	135	52	50	649,486	99,635	13,875	9,340	2,823,958	115,915
Hiddenite	Alexander	293	5	4	129	87	140	110	91	69	65	313,149	28,137	4,000	5,928	12,500,000	96,118
Lebanon	Alexander	203	5	1	88	71	70	0	64	0	0	181,376	51,019	15,341	3,068	980,000	0
Linney's Grove	Alexander	217	6	1	112	86	98	0	30	0	0	101,964	6,164	1,250	1,760	615,000	0
Little River	Alexander	370	5	12	197	120	115	76	165	26	0	283,537	39,442	19,133	5,651	830,000	60,000
Macedonia	Alexander	164	2	0	65	63	96	0	20	15	0	2,837	7,702	2,400	2,100		0
Millersville	Alexander	789	20	12	326	220	288	0	105	99	62	543,686	64,254	42,319	2,100	2,000,000	0
Mountain Ridge	Alexander																
Mt. Herman	Alexander	264	0	8	159	122	89	2	49	46	14	213,174	42,656	25,000	6,000	1,200,000	0
Mt. Olive	Alexander	148	7	9	45	29	56	0	30	6	8	38,745	1,991	126	0	310,000	0
Pilgrim	Alexander	206	6	2	91	80	96	0	50	8	0	91,618	7,394	0	1,403	705,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	307	0	0	126	93	82	0	63	35	0	177,202	28,495	13,924	3,000	0	0
Smyrna	Alexander	224	6	8	77	63	90	0	76	14	0	203,613	13,812	9,340	2,161	800,000	530,000
Stony Point	Alexander	619	7	10	378	207	287	312	102	66	45	415,608	77,936	29,391	7,163	920,600	0
Suphur Springs	Alexander	324	6	9	181	140	156	33	77	51	50	202,232	36,921	28,460	1,000	1,750,000	69,546
Taylorsville First	Alexander	608	6	17	262	138	226	0	165	77	22	1,029,189	76,964	15,857	3,438	3,000,000	0
Three Forks	Alexander	664	21	10	378	241	195	196	100	86	32	497,436	92,226	51,461	7,187	3,700,000	0
TOTALS		8,960	171	172	4,495	2,896	2,867	1,228	1,764	831	440	6,357,266	823,679	340,396	71,251	39,178,246	1,194,938
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,824	173	181	4,311	2,611	2,413	1,331	1,717	878	623	6,370,619	743,442	302,055	69,431	23,145,708	1,371,916

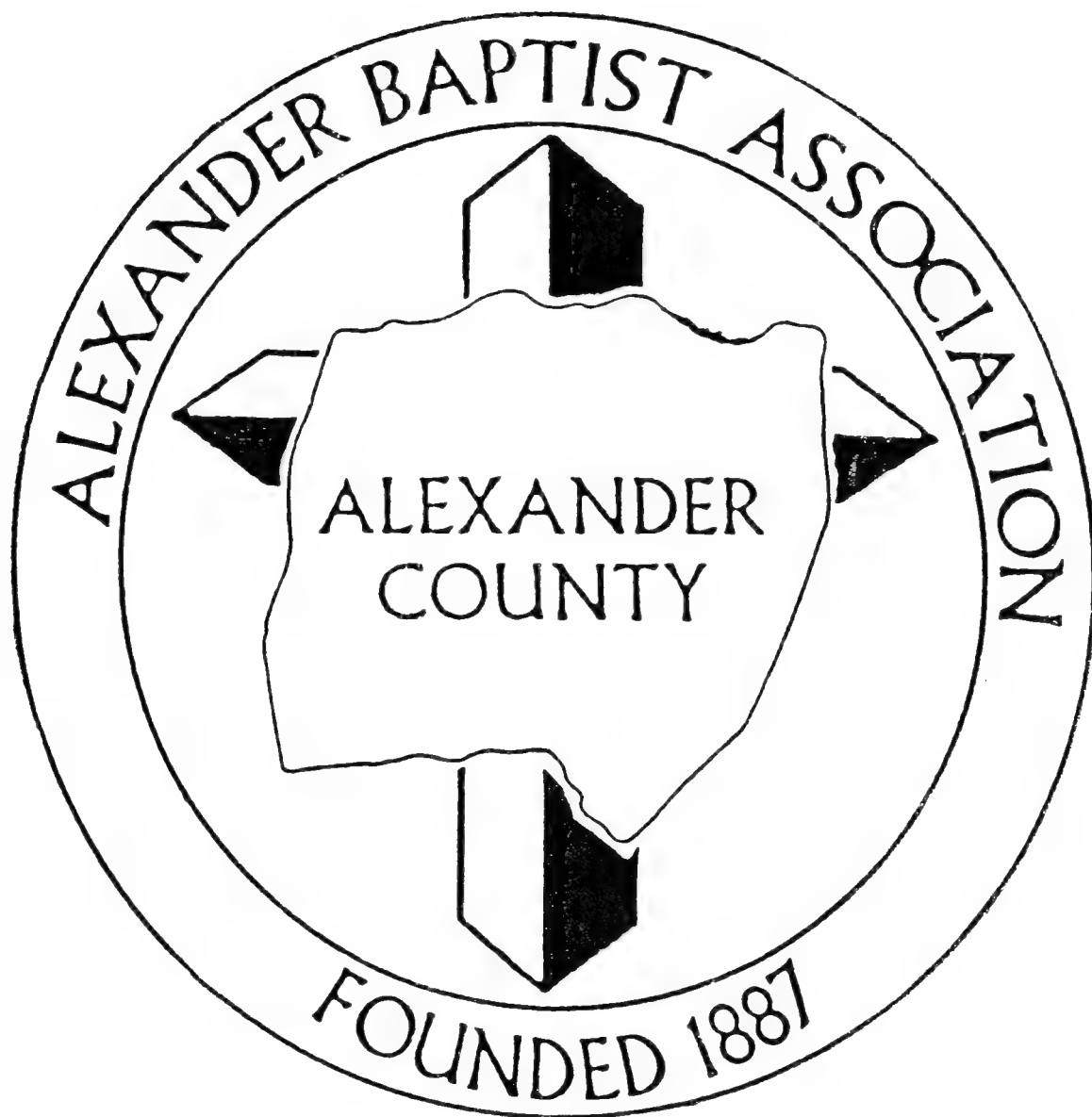
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OCTOBER 3, 2002

“Shining THE LIGHT on a
Ground Zero World”



*I am the light of the world:
he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life. John 8:12*

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"A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER"

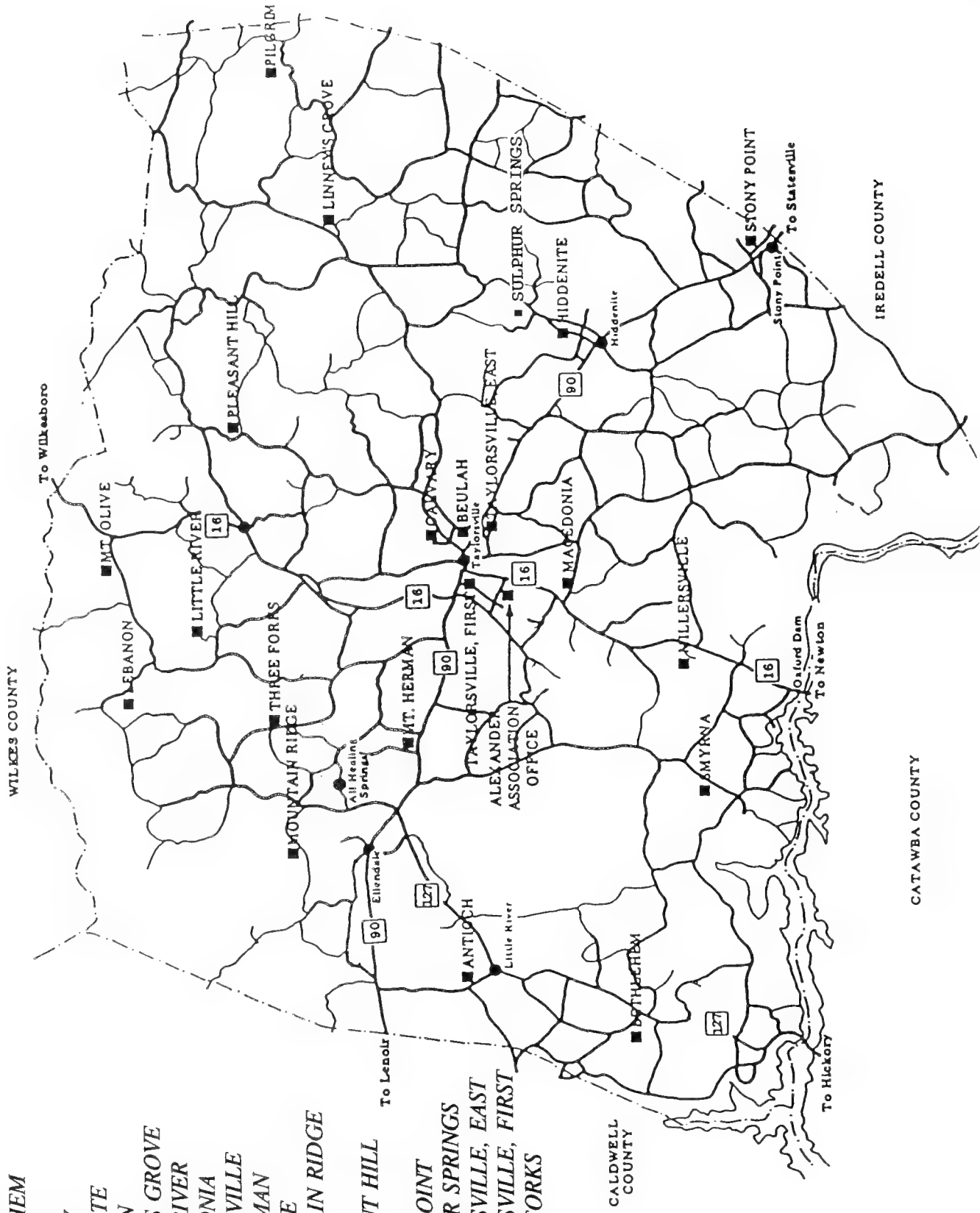
(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me ... Acts 1:8)

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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

ANTIOCH
 BETHLEHEM
 BEULAH
 CALVARY
 HIDDENITE
 LEBANON
 LINNEY'S GROVE
 LITTLE RIVER
 MACEDONIA
 MILLERSVILLE
 MT HERMAN
 MT OLIVE
 MOUNTAIN RIDGE
 PILGRIM
 PLEASANT HILL
 SMYRNA
 STONY POINT
 SULPHUR SPRINGS
 TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
 TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
 THREE FORKS



MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED-FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of
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TAYLORSVILLE NORTH CAROLINA
2002



2003 QUARTERLY SESSIONS

WINTER: January 2 2003 - Beulah Baptist Church
SPRING: April 3 2003 - Hiddenite Baptist Church
SUMMER: July 10 2003 - Little River Baptist Church
FALL: October 2 2003 - Millersville Baptist Church

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DEDICATION OF MINUTES

The words "Ground Zero" have almost become household words in homes and every day life across our world since September 11 of last year. Out of great tragedy God has once again supplied great grace and in many lives transformed acts of evil into spiritual good in many lives.

We dedicate the minutes of our Annual Session to the memory of the thousands of precious lives claimed in the events of September 11 and to the many heroes who have dedicated themselves to minister to the needs of those experiencing a "Ground Zero" crisis. These heroes include those brave souls who successfully diverted United Flight #93 away from a densely populated target to an empty field in rural Shanksville, about 80 miles south east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - thus saving the lives of many others while sacrificing their own. We applaud and honor those fire fighters, rescue personnel, medical professionals, and volunteers who went beyond the call of duty in service to their fellow man, their country and God and in the process have become national heroes to us all.

May God Bless Them, and their families for a job well done!

FLORRIE KERLEY
HISTORIAN



In Memoriam

Antioch

Mrs. Rachel Austin
Mrs. Ellen Freeman
Mrs. Ethel Mae Hollar
Mr. Cloyd Hand
Mr. Bill Land
Mrs. Brenda Little
Mrs. Flosta Tallman
Mrs. Mamie Teague

Bethlehem

Mary Schmidt

Calvary

Mrs. Betty Cantor
Mrs. Ruby Crisp

East Taylorsville

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Mrs. Estelle Chapman – Charter
Mrs. Jo Chapman
Mr. Lindsay Childers – Deacon
Mrs. Mary Elliott
Mr. Ray Kirkman
Mrs. Lib Knight
Mr. Owen Little
Mrs. Virginia Mauney
Mrs. Marie Steele
Mr. Atwell Queen – Deacon

Hiddenite

Doris Lynn Brown
Mattie Jolly
Steve Kerley

Lebanon

Mr. Ralph Watts – Deacon

Linney's Grove

Mr. Atwell Baity

Little River

Mr. Clay Burgess
Mr. Ned James
Mr. Harvey Shook
Mrs. Nelda Sigmon

Macedonia

Mr. Larry Bowman
Ms. Doris Wilson

Millersville

Mr. Fran Corn
Mr. Halbert Levan

Mt. Herman

Mr. Leon Deal
Mr. James W. Fox
Ms. Hazel McBride
Mrs. Mary F. Pennell

Mt. Olive

Mrs. Pauline St. Clair

Pilgrim

Mrs. Lucille Patterson
Mr. William Patterson – Deacon

Pleasant Hill

Mr. Hub Childers
Mrs. Pauline Childers
Mr. Thurston Childers
Mr. Jacob Deal
Mrs. Mary Harrington

Smyrna

Mr. Fred Deaton
Mrs. Hazel Trivette

Stony Point

Willie Chapman
Ernestine Guy
Lucille Hammer
Darlene Miller
Louise Mitchell
Don Mooney
June Nelson

Sulphur Springs

Mrs. Judy Barnes
Mrs. Betty Jo S. Holder

Taylorsville, First

Miss Ruth Campbell
Mrs. Ada Earp
Mrs. Ruth Elledge

Three Forks

Mr. Don Barnes
Mrs. Mary Sue Barnes
Mr. Atwell Childers – Deacon
Mrs. Lou Eva Childers
Mrs. Ruth St. Clair
Mr. Steve Teague

DOM ANNUAL REPORT
September 2001 - August 2002

On Field: Miles traveled: 3388 (reimbursed by Association at \$.36-1/2/mile)

Visited: in churches 100 times, 127 days; 163 services.

Office Work: Some personal consultations; worked with pastoral search committees; received and made numerous phone calls; assisted Secretary Bobbi Glass, in formulating and mailing many pieces of promotional materials to pastors and other appropriate church leaders. We continue to add new resources and churches are now using them more.

Committee Meetings in Resource Center and Service on Various Boards: Hmong Mission, Hispanic Mission Committee, and Executive Council (four planning meetings). Serve on the following boards: Christian Women's Job Corps, Ellendale Ruritan Club (Chaplain & Treasurer), Habitat For Humanity (Church Relations Committee Chair), Alexander County Senior Center, Nominating, Budget.

Associational Meetings and Events: Four quarterly Sessions of Alexander Baptist Association; Tax Issues Seminar for Churches and Pastors; Deacons and Spouse Training (Pastors also); RA Racers Derby; CWJC Birthday Celebration; Children's Bible Drill Tournament; CWJC Mentor Training; Senior Adult "Movie on Thursday with Ice Cream Supper" at East Taylorsville Baptist Church; Missions Blitz and Toy Store- worked with CCM Director; wife, Roberta and I ministered personally to Hmong Mission at Hiddenite Baptist Church every other Sunday; and sent team of Associational Key Leaders to Conference and ETC at Ridgecrest.

Meetings Outside of Association: Eight Reg 7 DOM Meetings; Annual DOM Dinner Meeting at BSCNC in Winston-Salem; Net Evangelism Training Conference in Gastonia; Pastoral Ministries Seminars-Hickory; Evangelism Conference, Fayetteville; and NC Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem.

Promoted: North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer; Cooperative Program Day and Month; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for NAMB Mission; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer; Baptist College Day; NC

Children's Homes; NC Retirement Homes; Pastor Appreciation Month-October; "True Love Waits"; Pastors' Conference and Pastors' Wives' Fellowship; NC Baptist Hospital; Christian Crisis Center; Habitat for Humanity; and Christian Women's Job Corps.

Extra: Led in purchase of 2001 Dodge 3600 Ram 15-passenger van for \$18,500; sale of old 1980 passenger van for \$1,000 (donated a few years earlier to ABA by Bethlehem Baptist Church). In August 2002 Bethlehem Baptist Church voted to donate their older 1986 Chevrolet 27 passenger bus to our association for use by churches, Hmong and Hispanic Mission Ministries. Gratitude is expressed to Bethlehem Baptist Church for these donations.

Personal: Roberta and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 20, 2002 at Mt Herman Baptist Church.

Thanks for your prayers, encouragement and financial support for this past year!

Challenge: Let's "gird up our loins" and do even a better job this coming year to carry out Jesus' Great Commission - to go and tell people about Him - both locally and globally!

**LET'S LIGHT UP THE NATION AND THE WORLD
WITH THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD!**

William "Bill" Goble, Jr
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

KEY LEADERSHIP 2002-2003

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Clerk's Report

This past year has been a full and exciting one to say the least. In May 2002, I attended a Secretary/Clerk conference and learned about changes to the Internet version of the Congregation Profile and to the 2002 Congregation Profile. On Sunday, July 14, 2002, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to discuss and to distribute the 2002 Congregation Profile. Eight of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience! I was privileged to attend the 2002 Leadership Conference and Equipping Today's Church Conference at Ridgecrest again this September. A truly inspirational opportunity for anyone that can attend!

Again this year, we plan to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms that have been used in the past. This year marks the fourth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had six of the twenty-one churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2001.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise Rudisll	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mr. Tim Deaton	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Miss Lucy Echerd	-	First Baptist Church, Taylorsville
Mr. Robert P. Hendren	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia Baptist Church
Mrs. Lisa Barber	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Kay Durmire	-	Sulphur Spring Baptist Church
Mrs. Melissa Childers	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of all of the activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

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DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT

On Thursday, May 30 2002 Mr Eddie Hammett, Leadership/ Discipleship Consultant for Western North Carolina for the Baptist State Convention of NC, led a Deacon/Spouse Seminar for Alexander Baptist Association. The theme of this seminar was "Developing Ministry Skills".

Subjects covered were:

- ** Helping Those in Crisis
- ** Helping the Unemployed
- ** Visiting the Sick and Hospitalized
- ** Models as Deacon Ministry (overview)

The seminar was held at Mt Herman Baptist Church and those invited to attend were pastors, staff, active and inactive deacons, and spouses. Approximately 40 people attended which represented at least five of our churches.

Mr Hammett said the biblical role of the deacon is to be a servant or minister. May we as deacons with the help of God strive to be better servants.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
Deacon Consultant

"TEACH
me good
judgment
for I
BELIEVE
in your
commandments."

Psalm 119:66

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alexander Baptist Association has been **"ON MISSION"** this year! Our churches have been involved in more mission trips and projects than ever before. Churches have caught a vision of reaching "our world" for Christ. Our churches have traveled from West Virginia, to Alaska, South America, Russia and all points in between. The excitement of sacrificing to go and helping others to fulfill that call is catching. I believe our greatest year is to come.

The truth is that our churches and their staffs have done what has been needed to accomplish all these tasks. As your CCM Director, the association stands ready to help coordinate or supply any support services you may need for development of missions on your field or with the National or International Mission Boards, for home or foreign mission opportunities.

There are more people and places that need Jesus than ever before. A tremendous spiritual adventure awaits anyone willing to go exploring God's will.

Our **"TOY STORE"** continues to be a highlight for local outreach and ministry. December 2002 may prove to be our largest challenge due to the economic conditions in this area. We ministered to over 125 families and over 450 children last year. The dates for this year will be December 9-12. This event had been scheduled to be held at the National Guard Armory this year; however, we have just recently been advised that due to the recent heightened security in the United States, the Toy Store cannot be held at the Armory. This year it will be held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church.

Plan now to do all you can to make this truly a special evangelistic event. Giving Christ is our greatest gift!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
CCM DIRECTOR



CHURCH SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The Association Church Secretaries' Conference/Fellowship is open to all Association Church Secretaries. Our get-togethers are very informal - just bring your own lunch - sandwich, salad, or whatever you wish. The Association will provide drinks - we share dessert, have a meaningful devotion, enjoy good fellowship, share ideas, and praise God for what He is doing in our lives, in our churches, and in our Association.

We meet once a quarter and also try to plan a special time together around Christmas, or the beginning of the year - either a meal out or a get together at the home of one of the secretary's. Fellowship begins at noon, but if you can't make it then, come as soon as you can! We meet in the Resource Center - located at 223 Fifth Avenue SW, Taylorsville - call if you need directions. Come join us - all church secretaries are welcome and there is a sweet spirit among us. We would love to see YOU!

As always, we look forward with excitement and anticipation to our North Carolina Baptist Secretaries' Conference this year at Caraway Conference Center. This year it will be held November 4, 5 and 6 and I'm pleased to report that nine secretaries (the most we've ever had) have signed up to go! We thank our respective churches and association for this wonderful opportunity to be inspired, to renew old friendships, make new friends, and to learn more about our Savior in order to serve Him better. We come back refreshed, inspired, with new ideas, and a fresh spirit. We are blessed and encouraged when new faces join us on this journey!

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Association Secretary



WMU Report

The WMU director for 2001-2002 was Kim Unthank. After she resigned to move to another location, I accepted the position.

Our WMU has been very active this year. Quarterly meetings have been held. Some of the projects we have done this year include preparing bags of toiletries for the Women's Prison, we helped with the Christmas toy store, we bought book bags and school supplies and sent them to school children in West Virginia, and we held a WMU Leadership Training session for the leaders in our association. Our Christian Women's Job Corp celebrated it's second birthday this year.

God has blessed WMU in so many ways. I am excited as I look toward this new year. I hope this year to get some form of women's groups started in some of the churches in our association who do not already have them. Please pray for WMU. Pray that we would find Our Part in God's Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda McLain

**Recommendations From The Nominating Committee
Of
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2002-2003**

Officers

Moderator.	Rev. Keith Childers
Vice Moderator.	Rev. Craig Hamlin
Clerk.	Miss Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.	Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.	Mr. Robert Austin
Director of Missions.	Rev. Bill Goble
Church/Community Ministries Dir.	Rev. Gary Jennings

Administrative Standing Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Budget/Finance</u>	(Missions Funding Development)	
Mr. Pete James	East Taylorsville	2003
Mr. Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2003
Mrs. Jamie Harrington	Pleasant Hill	2004
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch	2004
*Mr. Carl Bunton	Millersville	2005
Mr. Kip Mace	Three Forks	2005
Moderator, Chairman		

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Dan Frantz	East Taylorsville	2003
Mr. Phil Jolly	Little River	2004
Mr. Brent Fox	Bethlehem	2005

Credentials

Mr. Billy Millsaps	Linney's Grove	2003
Rev. David Chapman	Mountain Ridge	2004
*Rev. Dan Spears	Macedonia	2005

History & Dedication of Minutes

Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chair	Mt. Herman
Miss Lucy Echerd	First Baptist
Miss Emilyn Wagner	Bethlehem

Nominating Committee

Elected annually from the floor at Winter Session, as required by Constitution, to serve from 9/1/02 through 8/31/03. (Names listed at end of report.)

Ordination Examining

Rev. Mitch King, Chair	Stony Point	2003
Rev. Mike Runion	Three Forks	2003
Rev. Jason Guyer	Hiddenite	2004
*Rev. Gary Jennings	Antioch	2004

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Personnel</u> (Executive Council)		

Resolutions

Mrs. Betty Lovette	Mt. Herman	2003
*Rev. Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon	2004
Mr. Tom Fortner	Lebanon	2005

Quarterly Sessions Planning & Place (Executive Council)

Trustees (Executive Council)

Van Transportation

Mr. Steve Mays, Chair	Little River	2003
Mr. Billy Pennell	Stony Point	2003
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	2004

Missions Performance Teams and Consultants

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Baptist Men & Boys Ministries</u>			
*Mr. Don Austin	Mt. Herman	Director/Consultant	2003
_____	_____	Asst. Dir./Cons.	2003
_____	_____	Challengers (RA)	2003
_____	_____	RA Consultant	2003

Christian Life Commission

Rev. Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon	2003
Mrs. Sandra Lowrance	Little River	2003
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	2003

Christian Women Job Corps (CWJC)

Mrs. Marie Chapman	East Taylorsville	Site Coordinator	2003
Mrs. Sharon Absher, Chair	East Taylorsville	Mentor Training	2003
Mr. Jeremy Guyer		Work First Supervisor, DSS	2003
Mrs. Susie Barkley		CVCC Alexander Site Supervisor	2003
Mrs. Ingrid Townsend		Domestic Violence Resource Center Director	2003
Mrs. Houa Vang	Hiddenite (Hmong)	Member	2003
Rev. Gary Jennings	Antioch	CCM Director	2003
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	Director Of Missions	2003

Deacon Ministry

Mr. Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	Consultant	2003
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Discipleship Training Team

Mrs. Cathy Hartness	Stony Point	Dir./Cons./Support.	2003
Mrs. Sandra Ellis	Stony Point	Youth Speaker	2003
Rev. Mitch King	Stony Point	Bible Drill-Youth	2003
Mr. Dallas Dolle	Mt. Herman	Bible Drill-Children	2003

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Evangelism Consultant</u>			
Rev. Jamie Steele	Three Forks	Leader	2003
(May choose two (2) others to assist)			
<u>Hispanic Mission Ministries</u>			
Rev. Mike Runion	Three Forks	Chair	2003
Mr. Sammy Davis	First Baptist		2003
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill		2003
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville		2003
Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs		2003
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		2003
Rev. Gary Jennings	Antioch	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	2003
<u>Hmong Mission Ministry</u>			
Mr. Toua Khang	Spiritual Leader	Statesville, NC	2003
Rev. Jason Guyer	Hiddenite	Chair	2003
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch		2003
*Mrs. Sharon Burgess	East Taylorsville		2003
Mr. Tim Deaton	Bethlehem		2003
Mrs. Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite	Ministry Coordinator	2003
Miss Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem		2003
Rev. Keith Childers	Lebanon	<i>Moderator, Ex. Officio</i>	
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	<i>DOM, Ex. Officio</i>	
<u>Media Library/Computer Consultant</u>			
Mrs. Kay White	Three Forks	Director	2003
<u>Music Team</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2003
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Associate Dir.	2003
Mr. Junior Mitchell	Pilgrim	Associate Dir.	2003
<u>NC Baptist Children's Home Representative</u>			
Mrs. Gail Armstrong	Mt. Herman		2003
<u>NC Baptist Hospital Representative</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		2003
<u>NC Baptist Retirement Homes Representative</u>			
<u>On Mission Team Representatives</u>			
Rev. Gary Jennings	Antioch	Chair, CCM Dir.	2003
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2003
Mrs. Vivia Cline	Antioch	N. America	2003
Mrs. Linda (George) McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2003
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2003
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2003
Mr. Don Austin	Mt. Herman	Baptist Men	2003

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Pastoral Ministries Consultant</u> President, Pastors Conference			2003
<u>Seminary Extension</u> Rev. David Giffin	East Taylorsville	Director	2003
<u>Senior Adult Ministry</u> Rev. Rodney Boutwell, Chair Mr. Leonard Gregory	East Taylorsville Sulphur Springs	Director Assistant	2003 2003
<u>Singing Seniors Ministry</u> Mrs. Shelia Austin Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch Antioch	Director/Leader Leader	2003 2003
<u>Single Adult Ministry</u> Mr. David Duncan Mr. Marty Loudermilt	Sulphur Springs Sulphur Springs	Director Assistant	2003 2003
<u>Stewardship Consultant</u> Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	Director	2003
<u>Sunday School – Bible Reaching/Teaching Team (Consultants)</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Dir & Adult Leader	2003
*Mrs. Teresa Skinner	East Taylorsville	Youth Leader	2003
*Mrs. Dana Allen	Sulphur Springs	Children's Leader	2003
Mrs. Kendra Dyson	East Taylorsville	Pre-School Leader	2003
*Mrs. Sandra Marlowe	Hiddenite	VBS Director	2003
Rev. Craig Hamlin	East Taylorsville	Outreach/Evangelism Leader	2003
<u>WMU Team (Consultants)</u>			
*Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU Director	2003
*Mrs. Mary Ann Winchell	East Taylorsville	Women on Mission (WOM)	2003
Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	2003
Mrs. Debbie Keever	Hiddenite	Mission Friends	2003
<u>Youth Ministry Team</u>			
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	East Taylorsville	Team Leader	2003
Rev. Mitch King	Stony Point		2003
Rev. Sean Roberds	First Baptist		2003
Rev. Jamie Steele	Three Forks		2003

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee

Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, Chair

Rev. Brent Dula, Beulah

Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove

Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville

Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman

Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill

Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks

* Denotes new person

HMONG MISSION REPORT

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

God has truly blessed our efforts this past year where our Associational Hmong Mission is concerned. It has been and still is a slow process. Establishing a relationship with this group is sometimes slow, but well worthwhile. In a little over a year we have baptized seven of our Hmong brothers and sisters in Christ, and they are busy telling their friends and families about their new commitment to Christ.

On Wednesday nights we average between 25 to 30 in our children and youth programs and every other Sunday we focus on English as a Second Language and a worship service. Mr Toua Khang is our Spiritual Leader - he preaches during the worship services and has begun this year teaching the mission the concept of tithing. We have workers from Hiddenite Baptist, Bethlehem Baptist, and Mt Herman Baptist.

On the Sunday's that we do not have our regular Hmong services, we have started a Sunday School Class for those Hmong families who choose to come every Sunday. After Sunday School these families go to our regular worship service. All the adults do not understand English but they want their children in service so they make the commitment to be there.

Truly there is a great harvest and the laborers are few. We can always use more workers and van drivers for this vital mission. Please keep the Hmong Mission in your prayers and this committee as well, as we seek to further establish what we hope to be the first self-supporting Hmong Church in Alexander County.

(This mission is a partnership sponsored by Alexander Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of NC, and Hiddenite Baptist Church. Janice and Gale Sharpe are the "prime movers" of the mission with Pastor Jason Guyer serving as Chair of the Associational Hmong Mission Committee. Others who assist on Sundays and at other times are: Director of Missions-Bill Goble, Roberta Goble, Rachel Wagner of Bethlehem Church, Carolyn Durmire of Hiddenite Church, and our Hmong spiritual leaders, Toua and Shoua Khang of Statesville. Shoua teaches the children on Sundays and Wednesdays and Toua preaches on Sundays.)

In Christ,

Rev Jason Guyer, Chairman
HMONG MISSION COMMITTEE

HISTORY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

On the broad porch of the James L Davis residence, across from the old cemetery, the Rev R L Steele, father-in-law to Davis preached to a then large crowd, and continued to do so for some six to twelve months by monthly appointment. It was decided to build a brush arbor below the upper spring near Davis Mill. Under this arbor the reverends Steele and W A (Billy) Poole held a revival meeting which culminated in the organization of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church on the third Saturday in October, 1867. There were twenty-two charter members of which Thomas B Hudson and Alexander Lackey were selected as deacons and J L Davis as Church Clerk.

The first church building was a small log structure occupying the site of the old Davis Hotel. In 1885 it was decided to build a new church building. On January 15 1886 the Davis heirs deeded a new sight about 300 yards southwest on top of a beautifully wooded knoll. The building was completed in 1886 with free labor and material with the exception of the glass, nails and other hardware. This building has been remodeled several times.

In 1935 five Sunday School rooms were constructed at the front of the building. In the early 1940's more rooms were built at the rear. In 1953 the entire church building was turned around and encased in brick with two wings added for an increase of 16 rooms and two restrooms.

In 1961 the members voted to build a parsonage. This was completed and the "note" burned on November 22 1964.

During 1980 and 1986 land was obtained, bringing the total church property to 6.66 acres allowing the size of the cemetery to be doubled. During a major renovation the sanctuary was lengthened, baptistery added, carpet installed, and furniture refinished, or replaced as needed. A new educational building was built giving an assembly room, nursery, Sunday School rooms, and additional storage space.

In June 1997 a 4,860 square foot Family Life Center was completed and is currently used for various church and community activities.

Today Sulphur Springs Baptist Church is the compound product of all the influences that have gone before. This influence has been carried further by four ministers ordained by the church: Jay P Gwaltney, Wilburn Thomas, Charles Cook, and Henry C Cook, Jr.

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church continues to work with a firm faith in God, and a deep devotion to the work of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Parks, Pastor

SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

**Alexander Baptist Association
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church
Spring Quarterly Session
Thursday, April 4, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.**

Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator, Presiding	Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions	Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs. Shelia Austin, Assoc. Music Dir.

1. Mrs. Thelma Dagenhart, organist and Mrs. Joyce Sweet, pianist provided the prelude for the session which included selected hymns.
2. The Sulphur Springs Church Choir sang **Spirit of Resurrection** as the call to worship with Mrs. Thelma Dagenhart, organist and Mrs. Joyce Sweet, pianist.
3. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs Pastor, welcomed everyone and encouraged everyone to worship together in this meeting. Rev. Parks led in prayer also.
4. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator, welcomed everyone and introduced Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM Director, to introduce Mr. Barry Smith who will give his testimony and lead in a devotion. Mr. Smith has a desire to reach the Hispanic community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He has also assisted the Association to define our mission statement as we re-develop our Hispanic mission.
5. Mr. Barry Smith, a Hispanic Church Planter, gave his testimony and devotion. He shared how that he was saved in 1992 after his sister persistently asked him to attend church with her. He read Philippians 3:13 and spoke on 'streakers'. From an article, "streakers are runners that are so motivated that they refuse to break a streak of back-to-back runs. Nothing is allowed to interrupt the streak." In our service for the Lord, we should be more like the streaker and not let anything get in our way. Paul urged the Philippians to forget the sins from the past and move forward with their work to spread the gospel. Mr. Smith has a burden for the Hispanic souls in Alexander County and urged everyone to pray that tonight would be a night for changes. Mr. Smith closed in prayer.
6. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator, constituted the Spring Quarterly Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.
7. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator, requested a motion to accept the printed Order of Service for the meeting. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs, made this a motion and Mr. Robert Austin, Antioch, seconded the motion. Those in attendance voted by acclamation.
8. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator announced that refreshments would be provided following the conclusion of the session. He also announced that the annuals were ready and that Mrs. Bobbi Glass would be distributing them.
9. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, reported that there were not any new pastors or staff members present. He welcomed everyone to this session and noted that there were several (nine) pastors present.
10. Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk, presented the attendance report. There were 48 messengers and 113 other church members present. There were 164 present including three guests. The 48 messengers represent 57% of the allotted messengers.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Churches
Antioch	4	0	4
Bethlehem	3	0	3
Beulah	0	0	0
Calvary	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	1	2	3
First Baptist	3	3	6
Hiddenite	2	0	2
Lebanon	3	1	4
Linney's Grove	3	2	5
Little River	2	1	3
Macedonia	3	0	3
Millersville	3	0	3
Mt. Herman	4	3	7
Mt. Olive	4	0	4
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0
Pilgrim	1	0	1
Pleasant Hill	1	0	1
Smyrna	2	0	2
Stony Point	2	0	2
Three Forks	4	3	7
Sulphur Springs	3	98	101
Total	48	113	161

11. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in the song **Serve the Lord with Gladness**. Accompanists were Mrs. Thelma Dagenhart, organist and Mrs. Joyce Sweet, pianist.
12. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report as reported in the information packet. Mrs. Glass made a motion to accept the report and Mr. Robert Austin seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
13. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator, in observance of National Day of Prayer, requests for anyone desiring to lead a National observance for the Association. If anyone is interested in organizing an effort for the Association for May 2, see Miss Suzanne Goble or Mrs. Bobbi Glass following the session.
14. Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM Director, presented the CCM Report. The Association is financially fit but we are in the soul saving business. Rev. Jennings is pleased to help coordinate mission trips for churches. He reported the following mission trips for the year:
 - East Taylorsville is preparing to go to Uruguay;
 - Millersville is preparing to go to West Virginia for Backyard Bible clubs, Revival meetings at night and surveying duties during the day;
 - Forgiven Ministry is preparing a trip to West Virginia's Men's prison and Federal birthing center in about six weeks. The WMU's are requested to plan baby showers to collect goods for the birthing center. A list will be sent out as the trip date draws near. The inmates are allowed to keep their babies one-year and must provide everything for the child during this time. After the year, the child is placed in foster care or an adoptive home. Antioch's Baptist Men and Women are providing the transportation for the birthing center supplies.

- A group will be going to Grifton, NC to help cleanup flood debris in May.
- Three church groups are going to Alaska and one church is going to Russia this year.

Rev. Jennings reported that May 4 will be the first Mission Blitz, which will be to help four CWJC clients repair their homes. A medical dental van Mission Blitz is planned for the fall and we need a third Mission Blitz if anyone has an idea.

Forgiven Ministries has permission to bring 20 female inmates to Hickory Cove Bible Camp for a three-day spiritual retreat. The retreat will be May 16-18 and \$100 is needed to sponsor an inmate. Prison guards have committed their free time to be present so that these inmates can have a spiritual retreat. If enough churches respond and interest exists, the ministry is looking to bring 20 male inmates for a retreat in the fall.

15. Mrs. Marie Chapman, CWJC Site Coordinator, presented the CWJC report. Mrs. Chapman reported that the clients are excited about the upcoming Mission Blitz. She reported that at last quarter's session she asked for three things: a) prayer, b) mentors and c) financial support. Since the last meeting, the CWJC has 12 new mentors (up from nine) and two new clients (currently there are six clients.) The CWJC is a life change for women in Alexander County. Since the last meeting, one client is ready to graduate after obtaining a job. Another client will move into new housing after receiving a HUD grant.

Mrs. Chapman reported that prior to the last mentor training, we had mentors from Mt. Herman, East Taylorsville and Antioch. At the March mentor training, two women from Broad Street Methodist church in Statesville came to learn about the ministry and a mentor for this area out of First Baptist Church in Hickory was trained. Several women from our local churches were trained: two from Sulphur Springs, one each from Little River, First Baptist, Hiddenite, Three Forks and Millersville.

On April 28, a celebration for the National CWJC will be held from 2 until 4p.m. The CWJC in Alexander County is two years old and the National CWJC is five years old. A graduation celebration will be held for one client, a fashion show with the clients as models, singing and a guest speaker will be presented. The site coordinator from Rock Hill, SC will be a guest speaker and a success story within the Rock Hill CWJC will be presented. The Rock Hill CWJC is five years old and has thirty-three clients and twenty-three successes.

Mrs. Chapman noted that the Alexander CWJC has a presentation team that is available to come into the churches and share a twenty-minute testimony. The goal for the CWJC is to urge a Christ centered life and to encourage the women to become self-sufficient.

16. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, presented the Hispanic Mission Progress Report. Rev. Runion noted that the mission that had been in place showed a need in the county and the need still exists. The mission will serve our purpose of spreading the gospel to all people. In Alexander County there are at least 1,000 Hispanics and NC is the leading state for Hispanic immigrants. Their salvation will make our communities and county a better place to live. There is a strong need for a congregation in our area. He noted that we change society by changing hearts. There are numerous Hispanic churches in the area, but no known Baptist Hispanic church. The recent Hispanic evangelist that came through our area was more hypocritical than Biblical.

The Hispanic Committee presented the following strategy for the committee:

- Statement of purpose: "Our purpose is to establish a permanent and healthy Hispanic congregation and to reach the lost Hispanic people for Christ and to disciple them to become a glorious New Testament Church."
- Define exactly what they feel God is having them to do as an Association.
- Communicate the vision and need for a Spanish church in our county to the churches.
- Locate the man God would have lead the church plant.
- Set a budget for the pastor and church.
- Assist the new pastor and church in developing the structure and outreach of the new church.
- Develop the church to be fully self-supporting in about five years.

The Committee asks permission to go forward with the strategy developed to approve the calling of a pastor and for financial support. Rev. Mike Runion requested the Association to give liberty to the committee to extend a call to a candidate for pastor of Hispanic Church plant in Alexander County. Rev. Craig Hamlin restated the motion and requested a second to the motion. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, seconded the motion and those present approved unanimously.

Rev. Mike Runion spoke on how God has blessed our Association with the financial support for the mission. He noted that we have almost \$91,000 in our accounts. The Committee also requested the liberty for support to pay a full-time Hispanic works pastor up to \$24,000 annually. Rev. Craig Hamlin requested a second to the motion and Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove, seconded the motion.

Mr. Sam Davis, First Baptist, presented a detail plan for the funding of the salary. He noted that we have four sources of income for the money: NC Baptist State Convention, Alexander Association, the local churches and the Hispanic congregation itself. An annual salary of \$24,000 would require \$2,000 a month funding. The State Convention has agreed to give the mission \$500 a month through the remainder of 2002. Alexander Association has \$4,500 in its budget this fiscal year that has not been spent. If the Association were to use this money for the Hispanic ministry, \$500 may be needed for materials leaving \$4,000 available for salary through the end of August. With funding from the State and the Association, \$500 a month would be needed from the local churches and the Hispanic congregation. Since the Hispanic congregation would be very young, the remaining would need to come from the local churches.

For 2003, the mission would receive \$8,000 total from the State Convention (\$667 per month). If the Association continues to support the Hispanic Mission with \$4,500 per year or \$375 per month, \$958 per month would need to be funded through the local churches and the Hispanic congregation. The Committee notes that the bulk of the funding would be from the local churches.

For 2004, the mission would lose the funding from the State Convention. If the Association continues to support the Hispanic Mission with \$4,500 per year or \$375 per month, \$16,025 per month would need to be funded through the local churches and the Hispanic congregation. By this time, the Hispanic congregation should be able to support itself to some degree. It is the Committee's hope that within five years, the Hispanic congregation would become self-supported. The Committee expects \$1,000 - \$1,200 per month would be needed from the local churches to help support the mission after the five years.

Rev. Craig Hamlin asked for questions and restated the motion for approval. Those present approved by acclamation. Rev. Mike Runion thanked those present for their support of the mission.

- 17 Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, presented the Hmong Ministry and DOM report. The Hmong Ministry has numerous families in the county and several have been saved and more are prayerfully considering God's will in their lives. The ministry meets alternating Sundays and every Wednesday nights at Hiddenite Baptist.

Rev. Goble reiterated the responsibility of any congregation: 1) to evangelize the lost; 2) to exalt the Savior and 3) to edify the saints. In God's word, we are told to go and make disciples of all nations. The Association is responsible for helping the congregations.

Rev. Goble noted the following items for information:

- Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, is taking a group to Statesville for a Sunday School meeting.
- The RA Car Competition was held at Three Forks with three churches in the Association participating.
- A VBS Clinic will be held at Tri-City Baptist in Conover. The Association will not hold a clinic.
- Several churches are having revival this week and in the coming weeks.
- April 24 is a recognition day for church secretaries.
- A tax seminar will be held April 30 at Sulphur Springs.
- The Bible drill will be held next Sunday at Bethlehem at 3p.m.
- The NAMB response center in Texas is available to help witness to folks.
- An Interfaith Conference will be held at a church near Greensboro on April 12-13.
- May 2 is National Day of Prayer, please set aside this day in our churches.
- A Deacon/Spouse seminar will be held on May 30 at Mt. Herman.

- 18 Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point, reported on his recent mission trip to Kenya. Rev. Kasey and his two oldest daughters went as a follow-up from an earlier trip. Back in the 1990's, Central Baptist church in Henderson had numerous ministers to leave to go to the mission field. One missionary that left Central Baptist Church was David Crane. David and his family have been in Kenya for ten years. Rev. Kasey and his daughters spent ten days with David Crane and had the privilege of serving with twenty-five individuals. They saw 311 professions of faith. They did not witness to that many people, but by speaking to a few many were witnessed to for Christ. Rev. Kasey's daughters gave their testimonies, a minister spoke with an interpreter and the invitation was given. The simple gospel message was presented to the people. This let the people know about the God that they thought was out of their reach. Rev. Kasey reported about a man, Joseph, that had been deeded several acres of land. Joseph gave a tenth of the acreage (four acres) for a church. They met and prayed at the prospective church site on Monday and then they went into the family's homes of that area. On Thursday, they met back at the site and were able to preach to eighteen new Christians. Rev. Kasey expressed the passion that the missionaries have to preach in this area. He read the scripture in Matthew 9 that speaks about praying for the harvester to be sent. He urged everyone to pray for the men that will minister to these people and encouraged everyone to go on a mission trip.

19. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in the song **I Love to Tell the Story**. Mrs. Thelma Dagenhart, organist and Mrs. Joyce Sweet, pianist were the accompanist.

20. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs, stated what a blessing to hear about all the things going on in various mission work and what a blessing it is to serve on the Hispanic Committee.

21. The Sulphur Springs Church Choir sang **What a Lovely Name** with a tape accompaniment.

22. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, introduced Rev. John Jones who would be delivering the message. Rev. Jones' father was a missionary to Ecuador where he learned the Spanish language. Rev. Jones is a native of Mocksville and a graduate of UNC-Greensboro and Southeastern Seminary and currently serves on the BSCNC Hispanic Church Planting team.
23. Rev. John Jones spoke on how his entire life has been spent in the mission fields doing some type of work. He currently serves as a Field Personnel for the BSCNC. He noted that his parents were NAMB missionaries in South America where he spent most of his life. He studied languages at Campbell University for two years and then transferred to UNC-Greensboro. He went on to complete his seminary degree at Southeastern Seminary. He has worked for the Home Mission board for fifteen years and has been working for the BSCNC for eleven years. He stated that it is an honor to be serving God.

Even though he was born in Mocksville, he spent his early life in Ecuador. His native language is Spanish and he picked up English in the 10th grade in high school. Because of the uniqueness of his life, God had been preparing him over the years in many ways to have an impact in NC. He was saved at the age of eight and felt called to preach at the age of twelve. He was Associate Pastor of Blaze Baptist church in Mocksville at the age of 15, which gave him the opportunity to learn how to respond to the calling of the Lord. It was during this time that he witnessed for the first time to a Hispanic in Mocksville. He was able to share the gospel to two men, one of which was saved. At that time, 1976, he felt God telling him that the Hispanic people needed someone to minister to them.

The NC Convention officially started its language work in 1977 and is fairly new to the language works mission. Rev. Jones noted that NC is responding to the opportunities to reach the different ethnic groups. This is evident in the fact that North Carolina is the 26th state in regards to Hispanic population and fourth in the Conventions for Hispanic Congregations. Statistically, Texas has been responding to the Hispanics need for Christ for over 100 years and has 1,200 congregations for 10 million Hispanics. California has 340 congregations for 5 million Hispanics and has been in this ministry for 75 years. Florida has 242 congregations for 3 million Hispanics and has been in this ministry for 50 years. North Carolina, ranking fourth, has 115 Hispanic congregations for 387,000 Hispanics and has been working with the Hispanic ministry for 25 years.

Rev. Jones noted that since he is bicultural (Anglo & Hispanic), he is better able to see both sides when trying to help churches minister to the Hispanics. In his work in NC, he has found that much of what we do is because of culture traditions, not Christianity. Typically those culture traditions hinder us when we try to cross cultures to witness for Christ. Jesus crossed culture barriers many times in the scriptures. A lot of what Jesus combated in His ministry was to try and help people understand that there was something bigger than being a Jew and that is to be a believer.

Right now NC Baptist is ministering in twenty-seven different languages across NC. According to the Department of Education, children in the public schools speak 187 different languages. As NC continues to grow in different cultures, God has brought these culture differences to us and it is our mission to reach them. For example, Raleigh has an Afghanistan ministry. Through the ministry of a church that teaches them English, one person has been saved and fell under conviction to become a preacher.

Paul's passion in Romans 10:14-17 was "that they all be saved" and the scripture continues, "But how shall they hear without a minister." We use this scripture as our great commission. However, the word nations used in the King James is from the Greek word that means ethnics. Genesis 12 shows us the calling of Abraham and the promise that all nations of the

world would be blessed. God's intent from the beginning is that all people know. However, we have a tendency to not want to share the gospel with others in fear that we might lose something. God calls us even today into the ministry of reconciliation. God works through us to reach the world with the gospel and the reality is that we have an opportunity.

The Jewish nation was given very strict teachings by God. In Leviticus 19:33 we see the Hebrew "stranger", a foreigner or someone from another nation. From the beginning of God's teaching, He tells us that there will be strangers and that we should not hassle them. Rev. Jones shared how we, because of culture, hassle foreigners. Yet in Romans 12 we find that we are to not be conformed to this world but are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The Holy Spirit has to come and change who we are. Being a good US citizen is not what God called us to be. We are first and foremost to be a member of God's family. We should be concerned about the eternal rewards for all. We have a responsibility as a church to respond to the 'foreigners.' If God brings these people into our church field, then we as the believers of that church field have a responsibility to work the field that God has planted us in. It should not matter that there are different cultures, skin color, etc., we should still be concerned for their eternal resting place.

The opportunity is very close to us and we should not allow our culture to influence us to live by the world's standards instead of the gospel standards. We can't live by the world's standards if the spirit of God has truly transformed us. If we allow ourselves to be molded by the culture, then we will just go along with what the people say. After all, a majority voted Christ to the cross. Just because a majority says that we should do something doesn't make it right. We the church need to stand up for the truth of the gospel. The reality of the task is before us. This is our time, the time that God has called us to be accountable. He equips us and trains us and what is our response? We often become comfortable by the culture of the church today.

Most of the time it is difficult to cross cultures on both ends of the ministry. The disciples even had a hard time with crossing cultures. They recognized the power of Christ and yet they felt that He was doing something wrong. Allow the Spirit of God to soften your heart towards other cultures. God has brought folks in from countries where the doors have been closed to ministers so that they can get an education. These folks are getting saved and going back to their own home countries in order to share the Gospel.

Rev. Jones shared a story of a Mexican that was saved through a migrant ministry. This young man was a trained dentist but could not find work in Mexico City. He felt the need to go back to Mexico City in order to witness to his family. He shared another story about a Vietnamese pastor in Greensboro. This pastor goes every year into North Vietnam to hold revivals and has had over 700 baptisms. Often, the best person to reach people from another culture is a person from that culture.

While our cultures do affect us, God has a variety of people he calls unto Him. Remember it is God that calls. Pray that the Hispanic ministry in Alexander County will be able to train His people in doing His work. God equips us and puts us in the places we need to be in order to be trained to be effective in His work. He will do the same for each of us if we will allow ourselves to be used of God for His glory. God is at work among us with all the things going on in our Association. Don't lose sight of the challenges or lose the pace. Don't give up in our race for the kingdom.

Rev. Jones closed in prayer that God would continue to bless in the various ministries in the area.

24. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in a challenge for mission commitment, **We Have Heard the Joyful Sound**. Mrs. Thelma Dagenhart, organist and Mrs. Joyce Sweet, pianist accompanied the song.
25. Rev. Craig Hamlin adjourned the conference and dismissed in prayer.
26. Refreshments were served in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk

*Resolution Of Appreciation
To Bethlehem Baptist Church*

*In view of the recent gift of a 1986
Chevrolet, twenty-nine passenger
bus, donated to the
Alexander Baptist Association,
by the congregation of the
Bethlehem Baptist Church
be it resolved
that we express our sincere
appreciation to the members of
Bethlehem Baptist Church
for this generous donation.*

*Alexander Baptist Association
Thursday, October 3, 2002*

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2002-DECEMBER 2003

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

AO - Associational Office/Resource Center

OCTOBER 2002

	Cooperative Program Month; Clergy Appreciation Month
3	115th ANNUAL SESSION, East Taylorsville Church, 4-9PM
4-5	Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte Coliseum
7-9	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
8	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
8	Church Building Conference (West)
10	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
12	Super Saturday (Youth) Lowes Motor Speedway 9AM/Race PM
13	World Hunger Day
13	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
14-16	Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
17	"How to Keep Your Church Out of Court" Seminar 6:15 Snack Supper; 7-8:30 PM - TBA
18-20	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat
18-20	Literacy Missions Retreat
19	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
25-26	Potential WMU Leadership Training - Mundo Vista
25-26	Conference on Addictions, Caraway
27	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
27	Singing Seniors Concert, Stony Point Church 7PM

NOVEMBER 2002

	Toy Store Emphasis
1- 2	NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting
3- 7	Grace for the Journey
3- 9	Royal Ambassador Week in Churches
4	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
4- 6	NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference - Caraway Conference Center
5	Election Day
10	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10-17	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes
11	Veterans' Day
11-13	NC Baptist State Convention - Annual Session - Winston-Salem
11-15	LEADER CARE Retreats, Ridgecrest (For Wounded Ministers)
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
15-16	"Stand Firm: Men Leading the Charge" Conference Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

15-17 Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat, Caswell
 15-17 NC Baptist Conference for Deaf, Caraway
 21 ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
 24 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 26 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 28 **THANKSGIVING DAY** - Office Closed (28, 29)

DECEMBER 2002 **Toy Store and International Missions Emphasis**

2- 9 Season of Prayer for International Missions and
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 3- 4 Senior Adults Retreat - Ridgecrest
 5 ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 8 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 10 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 9-10 Toy Store Collection & Store Set Up, East Taylorsville Baptist Church
 11-12 Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, East Taylorsville B.C.
 22 Winter begins
 22 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 24-27 Office Closed for Christmas

JANUARY 2003 **Winter Bible Study - 1 Corinthians**

"Helping Your Church Stay on Course"
 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - Office Closed
 2 **WINTER (Quarterly) SESSION** - Beulah Baptist Church 7PM
 5 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 9 Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Gant's Steakhouse - Noon
 13 ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
 14 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 14-15 DOM Convention/Staff Meeting, Caraway
 16 ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
 16-18 Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
 17-18 Baptist Men's Board Meeting-Caraway
 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 19 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
 20-22 Reinventing Congregational Serv. in Regional Denominations-Hollifield
 23-24 Professional Preschool & Children Minister and
 Church Weekday Directors Continuing Education Retreat-Caraway
 26 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
 28 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 29-30 NCBSC General Board Meeting-Caraway
 31-2/2 Retreat for Undergraduate Women Feeling a Call to
 Missions/Christian Vocation-Mundo Vista

FEBRUARY 2003 **Emphasis: "True Love Waits"**

1	NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir Auditions
2	Baptist World Alliance Day
2	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
3- 4	State Evangelism Conference-East-Goldsboro
6- 8	Preschool and Children Certification Course, Part I-Thomasville
8	NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir Auditions
9	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
10	ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
10-11	State Evangelism Conference-Piedmont-Greensboro
10-16	Focus on WMU
11	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14	Valentine's Day
14	"True Love Waits" - Youth
14-16	National Challengers Rally, Pigeon Forge
16	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
16	North Carolina Baptist College Day
17	Presidents' Day
17-18	State Evangelism Conference-West-Asheville
17-19	Spiritual Strategic Journeys
20	ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
23	Volunteers in Missions Day
24	Flag Day
25	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7:00 PM
25-27	Youth Ministers Continuing Education Retreat - TBA
28-3/1	Baptist Missions Conf./Baptist Men's Convention-Winston-Salem
28-3/1	Youth Ministry Lab-TBA

MARCH 2003

2	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
2- 9	Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
6	ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
6- 8	Preschool and Children Ministry Course, Part II-Thomasville
10	ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
10-16	Youth Week
11	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11-12	New Minister Orientation, BSCNC-Cary
14-15	Prayer Conference-TBA
16	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
16	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
17-19	MidSize Congregational Leadership - Hollifield
20	ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
21	Spring begins

21-23	Missions Extravaganza I-Ridgecrest
23	ABA Bible Drills-Children and Youth-Speakers Tournament-Youth Stony Point Baptist Church
23	On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday
24-28	Regional Pastoral Ministry Conferences
25	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28-30	Missions Extravaganza II-Ridgecrest
28-30	BSU Spring Conference, Caraway
30	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

APRIL 2003

3	<u>SPRING (Quarterly) SESSION</u> Hiddenite Baptist Church 7PM
3	Deadline for Children and Youth Bible Drill
3	Youth Speakers' Tournament Registration
4- 6	Spring Fling I-Caswell
4- 6	State Media Library Workshop - Caraway
6	Daylight Saving Time begins
7- 9	Senior Adult Springfest By the Sea - Caswell
8	Church Building Conference (East)
8	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11-13	Spring Fling II, Caswell
12	CiA/Mission Kids Day - Mundo Vista
12	Royal Ambassador Congress
13	PALM SUNDAY
13	Cooperative Program Sunday
13	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
14	ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
14-16	Senior Adult Springfest By the Sea, Caswell
18	GOOD FRIDAY - Office Closed
18-19	Ag Missions Hands-On Workshop/Demonstration Farm/Campbell Univ.
18-20	Single Adult Retreat - Caswell
20	Earth Stewards Sunday
20	EASTER - "HE IS RISEN!"
21-25	Baptist Doctrine Study - "The Life Changing Power of Prayer"
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
23	Church Secretaries' Day
24-26	Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
25	GA Day - Mundo Vista
25	Children and <u>Youth</u> State Bible Drill Tournament, YOUTH - Miller's Creek Church, Miller's Creek NC 6PM
25	Youth Speakers' Tournaments, Miller's Creek Church, Miller's Creek NC - 6:00 PM
25-26	Father/Son Overnight (1-6 grades) - Caraway
25-26	Disaster Relief Expo - Caraway
25-27	Single Adult Retreat - Caswell

25-27 Spring Fling III - Caswell
 25-27 Deep Impact Spring Weekend - Caswell
 26 Children and Youth State Bible Drill Tournament, CHILDREN -
 Miller's Creek Church, Miller's Creek NC 9AM
 27 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 27 Life Commitment Sunday
 28 NC Baptist Singers' Concert - Penelope Church, Hickory
 28-30 Congregational Choices - Hollifield
 28-30 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell

MAY 2003

1 National Day of Prayer
 1- 2 Sacramentis Worship Workshop - Hollifield
 2 Youth Speakers' Tournament, Adavillo, Spindale NC 6PM
 2- 3 Children and Youth State Bible Drill Tournament
 2- 4 Blind Fellowship Retreat - Caraway
 3 ABA "One Way" Youth Rally ACHS - Speaker: David Nasser
 3 Worship in the New Millennium: Beyond Preaching
 and Music - Hickory Grove North, Charlotte
 3 GA Day - Camp Cale
 4 Senior Adult Sunday
 4-11 Christian Home Week
 5- 7 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
 8 Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
 9 State RA/Challengers Track Meet
 9-10 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
 11 **Mother's Day**
 11 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 12 ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
 12-13 Church Administration Conference
 12-13 Congregational Passages - Hollifield
 12-14 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
 13 Alexander Singing Senior, Sr Center 7PM
 15 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
 15-17 Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
 16-18 Together in Christ Deaf Conference - Caraway
 17 Finalist for Youth Bible Drill & Speakers' Tournament
 9AM, Carolina Memorial, Thomasville
 18-22 Student Summer Missions Orientation - Meredith College
 19-21 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
 20-21 General Board Meeting - Caraway
 23-25 Couples Spring Break - Caswell
 25 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 26 **MEMORIAL DAY** - Office Closed
 27 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

29 Summer Youth Week I, Caswell
 30-6/1 Student Work Weekend at Caraway

JUNE 2003

1- 6 Family Fun and Focus Week - Caswell
 2- 6 Family Fun and Focus Week - Caswell
 2- 7 Summer Youth Week II - Caswell
 5 ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
 6- 8 Western Happiness Retreat - Truett Camp
 8 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 9 Caraway Summer Camp for Boys Opens
 9-14 Summer Youth Week III - Caswell
 9-15 Crossover (Phoenix, AZ)
 10 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 14 Flag Day
 15 **Father's Day**
 16-21 Summer Youth Week IV - Caswell
 17-18 SBC Annual Meeting - Phoenix AZ
 20-21 WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Training - Caraway
 21 Summer begins
 22 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 22 Adopt an Annuitant Sunday
 23-28 Summer Youth Week V - Caswell
 24 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 28 Demonstration Day at the Ag Farm - Campbell University
 30-7/4 Week of Christian Study & Fellowship - Mars Hill College
 30-7/5 NC Music Week - Caswell

JULY 2003

4 **VBS - Vacation Month**
INDEPENDENCE DAY - Office Closed
 6 Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
 6 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 6-12 Deep Impact Week - Caswell
 7-12 World Missions Week - Caswell
 8 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 10 **SUMMER (Quarterly) Session** - Little River Baptist Church 7PM
 11-12 WMU Leadership Team Training-Caraway-for new Assoc WMU
 Team Leadership Members and ALL ABA WMU Directors
 14-19 Youth Conference III, Caswell
 14-19 Summer Youth Week VI - Caswell
 18-19 WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Training - Fruitland
 18-20 Bi-vocational Ministers Conference - Caraway
 20 ABA Church Clerk's Conference AO 3PM
 20 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 21-25 Youth Conference IV - Caswell

21-25	Grace for the Journey
21-26	Summer Youth Week VII - Caswell
22	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
26	Reg 7 Update for All WMU Leadership Team - Wilkesboro Church
28-8/1	Conference by the Sea I - Caswell
28-8/2	Summer Youth Week VIII - Caswell
29-8/1	National Acteens Convention, Nashville

AUGUST 2003

Back to School Month

2- 3	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training, Caraway
3	Social Issues Sunday: World Peace
3	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
4- 5	Reinventing Denominational Organizations - Hollifield
12	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
14-16	Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
15-16	Lay Witnessing Conference - Caraway
15-16	NC Festival of the Latina Woman - Sanford First, Sanford
17	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
18-22	Conference by the Sea II - Caswell
21-24	Young Single Adult Adventure Weekend - Caswell
22-23	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference - Ridgecrest
25-26	Volunteer Chaplains' Workshop
26	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
31	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

SEPTEMBER 2003

New Church Year Begins

1	LABOR DAY - Office Closed
4	ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
5	Key Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest
5- 6	ETC (Equipping Today's Church) Ridgecrest
5- 6	Music Leadership Training Retreat - Caraway
5- 7	Young Couple Adult Adventure Weekend - Caswell
7-14	Week of Prayer & North Carolina Missions Offering
8	ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
8-10	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
9	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
12-14	Coastal Men's Retreat - Caswell
14	Single Adult Sunday
14	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-16	NC Baptist singers Retreat - Caraway
15-17	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
18	ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM

19-20	Lad/Crusader Camporee - Camp Caraway Campgrounds
21	Anti-Gambling Sunday
22-24	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
22-26	Regional Pastoral Ministry Conference
23	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
23	Autumn begins
26-27	Lad/Crusader Camporee - Camp Caraway Campgrounds
26-28	BSU Student Convention - Ridgecrest
28	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
29	Discipleship Rally
29-10/1	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
30	Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting - Caraway
30-10/1	General Board Meeting - Caraway

OCTOBER 2003

	Cooperative Program Month/Stewardship Emphasis
2	116th ANNUAL Session, Millersville Baptist Church- 4-9PM
TBA	Super Saturday (Youth) Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte
3- 4	Music Leadership Training Retreat - Caraway
5	On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday
6- 8	Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
9	Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
10-11	Retreat for New Ministers' Wives
10-11	RA/Challenger Leadership Training
12	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
12	World Hunger Day
13	ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
13-15	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
13-15	Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
14	Church Building Conference (West)
14	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
15-17	Fall Senior Adult Conference - Caraway
16	ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30
17-18	Adult Campcraft Training - Caraway
17-19	Literacy Missions Retreat - Caraway Conference Center
17-19	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
20-22	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
24-25	WMU Resource Team Training - Mundo Vista
24-25	Conference on Addictions
26	Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
27-29	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
28	Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

NOVEMBER 2003 Toy Store Collection Month in Our Churches

2 On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday
2- 6 Grace for the Journey - Caswell
2- 8 Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches
3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
3- 5 NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference TBA
4 Election Day
7- 8 NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting - Winston-Salem
8-10 NC Baptist Conference of the Deaf - Caraway
9 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10 ABA Ministers' Conference TBA
10-12 Baptist State Convention Annual Session - Winston-Salem
11 Veterans' Day
11 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14-16 Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
17-19 Faithful, Effective, and Innovative Congregations - Hollifield
20 ABA Ministers' Wives' Fellowship AO 6:30PM
20-22 Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
23 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27 **THANKSGIVING DAY** - Office Closed (27, 28)
30-12/7 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 2003 Toy Store and International Missions Emphasis

11/30-12-7 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
1- 3 Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
3- 5 Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
3- 5 Chalk Talk Clinic for Congregational Coaches - Hollifield
4 ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
7 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
8-10 Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
8- 9 Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
10-11 Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
9 Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
21 Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
22 Winter begins
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY-Birthday Celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ!**
24-26 Office Closed for Christmas
28 Student Day at Christmas

Sunday School Director's Report

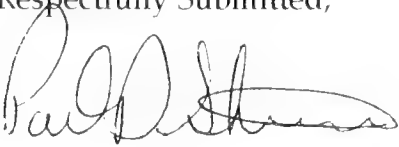
The scriptures say that without a vision the people will perish. When Sunday School was first implemented it was implemented with a clear vision of reaching the lost and discipling the Christian with a main purpose of reaching the lost.

Our goal this year as the Associational Sunday School-Bible Reaching/Teaching Team is to develop an associational vision for Sunday School and then to help implement this vision in our associational churches. It will not be a vision that requires all churches to do Sunday School the same way but a vision of basic principles for doing Sunday School. Our goal is not to make all of our churches Sunday School programs the same but to help all of the churches Sunday School programs be the best they can be.

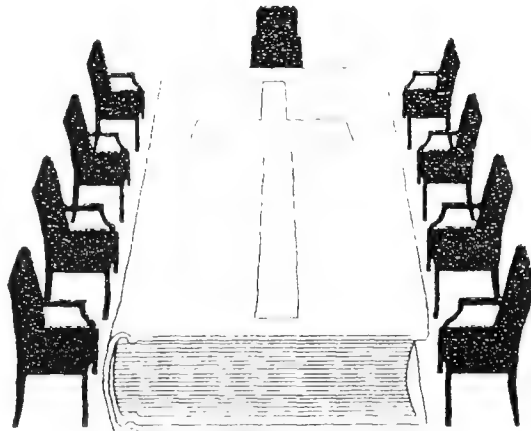
We are starting the process of hopefully having a Sunday School training session before September of next year. This will enable experienced Sunday School teachers to advance their skills while allowing new teachers the opportunity of growing as well.

In closing let me say that last year was a growing year for our associational Sunday Schools although it was only by a small amount. Out of the 19 churches that reported, total Sunday School enrollment was up by 75 people or 2% over last year and the average Sunday School attendance was up by 25 people or 1% over the last year. Our prayer and our aim is to multiply, not add to, this number next year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser:
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning*

HISTORY OF LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Lebanon Baptist Church was organized on March 29 1884 with 41 charter members. Lebanon was one of the thirteen churches that met to organize the Alexander Baptist Association in 1887.

Since we met here in 1994 the church has completed several projects. They have participated in giving to the "Toy Store" at Christmas and filled many shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Both projects are for needy children at Christmas.

They purchased a tract of land in Romania for a church. Several men traveled to Cherokee and helped roof a church. They gave a large donation to the "Jesus Video Project" committee to purchase these videos to be distributed throughout Alexander County.

A church library was established equipped with books, cassettes, video tapes, etc. for the church family to enjoy and learn. A large utility room was built at the church parsonage. Additional parking space was added at the church.

Keith Childers is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley, Chairman
History Committee

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2002-2003**

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

		<u>2002-03</u>
<u>(CCM) Church & Community Missions Dir:</u>	Salary	2,217.28
	Travel	360.00
	Conference Allowance	150.00
<u>Secretary-Treasurer:</u>	Salary	15,475.63
	Insurance	4,575.84
	Retirement	945.00
	Conference	150.00
	Christmas Bonus	250.00
FICA Taxes (Secretary)		1,183.89
<u>Director of Missions:</u>	Salary	8,803.12
	Utilities/Housing	5,000.00
	Insurance (Medical/Retirement)	2,880.00
	Travel	1,100.00
	Christmas Bonus	500.00
	Conventions	300.00
	Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:	<u>43,890.76</u>

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities	4,000.00
Equipment (Copier, etc.)	2,700.00
General Supplies (Office Expense)	1,800.00
Postage & Box Rental	1,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance	800.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Media Center	500.00
	<u>Subtotal: 12,600.00</u>

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	400.00
Baptist Men	200.00
Christian Life	200.00
Deaconship	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00
Evangelism	2,000.00
Hispanic Ministry	4,800.00
Hmong Ministry	2,400.00
Key Leadership	350.00
Ministers' Conference (speakers)	200.00
Ministry (Discretionary Fund)	200.00
Missions Development - Toy Store/Missions Blitz	3,000.00
Music - Seniors and Children	1,000.00
Pastoral Ministries	150.00
Senior Adults	250.00
Single Adult Ministry	150.00
Stewardship	100.00
Sunday School	700.00
Vacation Bible School	700.00
Woman's Missionary Union	700.00
Youth	1,000.00
Transportation (Van ins/tag/maintenance/gas)	1,000.00
	<u>Subtotal: \$ 19,800.00</u>

TOTAL: \$ 76,290.76

HISTORY OF MT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Mt Olive Baptist Church was organized in 1865. The first church building was made of logs. A frame building was completed in 1893. The church building was remodeled and bricked in 1954.

The first time the association met here was in 1894 and has been host church many times since.

Since we met here they have paved the parking lot, built a wall along the parking lot, made new steps and walkways, and installed new carpet in the Sunday School rooms. New windows have been installed in the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms, and the rest-rooms have been remodeled.

Mt Olive is very mission-minded. Many people have gone on mission trips. They have gone to Honduras; eastern North Carolina after Hurricane Floyd, Mozambique, Africa; and to Kentucky.

In 1997 Rev Doug Foster resigned as pastor after serving for twelve years. Monty Mathis served the church from 1997 to 1998. Rev Doris (D.W.) Chapman was called as pastor in 2000 and is the present pastor.

Names of former pastors and history is recorded in past minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman of History Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

During this past year our entire world has encountered great change as a result of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. During the weeks and months that have followed, in a time of great uncertainty, Christians have had a great opportunity to share a witness for Jesus Christ and minister to people during one of the most difficult times in our nation's history. This year, my first to serve as your Moderator, we have also encountered change in our Alexander Baptist Association. There have been accomplishments and set backs along the way. I commend our churches, congregations and pastors, for remaining faithful to the calling of God upon our lives. We rejoice over each soul that has been born into God's kingdom and we praise God for spiritual growth among believers.

Our Hispanic Ministry has suffered a slight set back with the inability to extend a call to a Church Planter to lead this ministry. Yet the vision and dream for this ministry, as well as the Hmong Ministry continues to flourish and we believe that God will "send forth the needed laborers into His harvest".

Once again this year we had the privilege to minister to many families and children during our annual "Toy Store". New leadership in Mrs Marie Chapman as the Christian Women's Job Corps, Site Coordinator, has enabled this ministry to continue to reach out to many women during a critical season in their lives.

Numerous churches have carried out a great variety of missions projects throughout this past year and many more are planned for upcoming months and we commend each effort to fulfill the great commission. Not only have we had the opportunity to continue to minister in Jesus' name...but through our quarterly meetings we have had the blessed privilege to enjoy some very special times of worship together.

As an association we are truly blessed to have the capable staff of Rev Bill Goble, Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Miss Suzanne Goble, and Rev Gary Jennings serving the Lord along with our churches. May God continually find us available for His service and may His blessings be upon us and the Alexander Baptist Association as we seek to do His will.

In Christ,

Keith Childers
MODERATOR

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1 2001 - August 31 2002**

Savings as of August 31 2002.....	\$ 2,730.12
Money Market Account.....	65,413.42
Balance on Hand September 1 2001.....	39,258.96
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	76,766.58
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>51,911.05</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$167,936.59

Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 96,341.25
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	<u>52,529.63</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$148,870.88

BALANCE ON HAND August 31 2001.....	\$ 19,065.71
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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....	\$ 5,904.77	Mt Herman.....	\$ 6,120.00
Bethlehem.....	3,400.00	Mt. Olive.....	1,146.40
Beulah.....	100.00	Mountain Ridge.....	-0-
Calvary.....	-0-	Pilgrim.....	1,528.00
East Taylorsville.....	9,340.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3,000.00
Hiddenite.....	2,310.00	Smyrna.....	2,222.36
Lebanon.....	4,463.22	Stony Point.....	8,529.91
Linney's Grove.....	1,050.00	Sulphur Springs.....	2,000.00
Little River.....	6,779.25	Taylorsville First.....	4,397.67
Macedonia.....	2,375.00	Three Forks.....	<u>10,000.00</u>
Millersville.....	2,100.00	TOTAL	\$ 76,766.58

RECEIPT FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 2,400.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	2,502.64
BSCNC Missions Blitz.....	1,600.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	2,200.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Misc.....	1,150.00
Hispanic Mission Offering.....	900.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,146.61
Federal Birthing Center-West VA.....	50.00
Women's Prison-Raleigh.....	100.00
Alex.Co.DSS-Christian Women's Job Corps.....	28,281.80
Group Insurance Refund.....	4,400.07
Lifeway-Key Leadership room reimbursement.....	43.00
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	233.35
Operation Christmas Spirit - Toy Store.....	3,754.84
Return of 2001 Van Deposit.....	200.00
Sale of 1980 Dodge Van.....	1,000.00
Memorial Gifts.....	625.00
Christian Crisis Center - One Yr Lease Payment.....	1.00
Van Mileage.....	289.19
Copies/Supplies.....	<u>33.55</u>
	\$ 51,911.05

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 2,502.64
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	13,993.99
Group Insurance.....	9,382.44
Retirement.....	945.00
Conference.....	150.00
Christmas Bonus.....	150.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary & CCM.....	1,387.45
DOM: Salary.....	8,464.56
Utilities/Housing.....	5,000.04
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	2,580.00
Retirement.....	120.00
Travel.....	1,120.03
Ministry Expense.....	-0-
Christmas Bonus.....	400.00
Conventions.....	132.90

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 5,569.85
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	2,217.99
General Supplies (office expense).....	2,097.11
Postage and Box Rental.....	1,745.61
Repairs and Maintenance.....	1,098.76
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers'Comp.).....	748.84
Miscellaneous.....	200.53
Media Center.....	368.56

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 261.57
Brotherhood/Baptist Men.....	-0-
Christian Life.....	-0-
Deaconship.....	100.00
Discipleship.....	-0-
Evangelism.....	2,000.00
Hispanic.....	639.33
Hmong.....	5,004.81
Key Leadership.....	396.11
Ministers' Conference (Speakers).....	-0-
Ministry (Discretionary Fund).....	8.00
Missions Development Toy Store/Missions Blitz.....	6,073.48
Music - Seniors and Children.....	722.29
Pastoral Ministries.....	-0-
Senior Adults.....	177.19
Single Adult	-0-
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	40.00
VBS.....	-0-
WMU.....	73.09
Youth.....	-0-
Transportation (ins/tag/maintenance/gas) 1980 Dodge Van.....	719.79
Transportation - Purchase of 2001 Dodge Van.....	20,469.08
	\$ 96,341.25

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Christian Women's Job Corps.....	\$ 23,379.63
Reimburse CWJC Donation from Hiddenite Church.....	50.00
CWJC-Rent for participant.....	100.00
Deposit to Money Market Acct.....	29,000.00
	52,529.63

Music Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2002

Providing a musical emphasis for senior adults continues to be a focus for the Alexander Baptist Association. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus for senior adults, was formed April 13, 1999, and consisted originally of twenty-five members. The group meets every second and fourth Tuesday and has a current membership of fifty-three. The *Singing Seniors* are representative of fifteen different churches including thirteen Churches from the Alexander Baptist Association. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus; Brenda Robertson serves as accompanist and Jody West as assistant accompanist.

The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events since the last annual report. Concerts featuring gospel and patriotic music have been performed in eight churches: East Taylorsville Baptist, Hiddenite Baptist, Linney's Grove Baptist, Macedonia Baptist, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Rocky Hill Baptist (Iredell County), Stony Point Methodist, and Three Forks Baptist. The group also participated in the Apple Festival.

Additional concerts are scheduled for October 27 at Stony Point Baptist and November 24 at Cochran Street Baptist (Statesville).

For the Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* are preparing the gospel musical, **The Light of the World** arranged by Mosie Lister. Two Christmas Concerts will be given. Stony Point Methodist will host the first concert Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 PM. Antioch Baptist will host the second concert Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 PM. Rev. William Wease, pastor of Linney's Grove Baptist, will be the guest narrator.

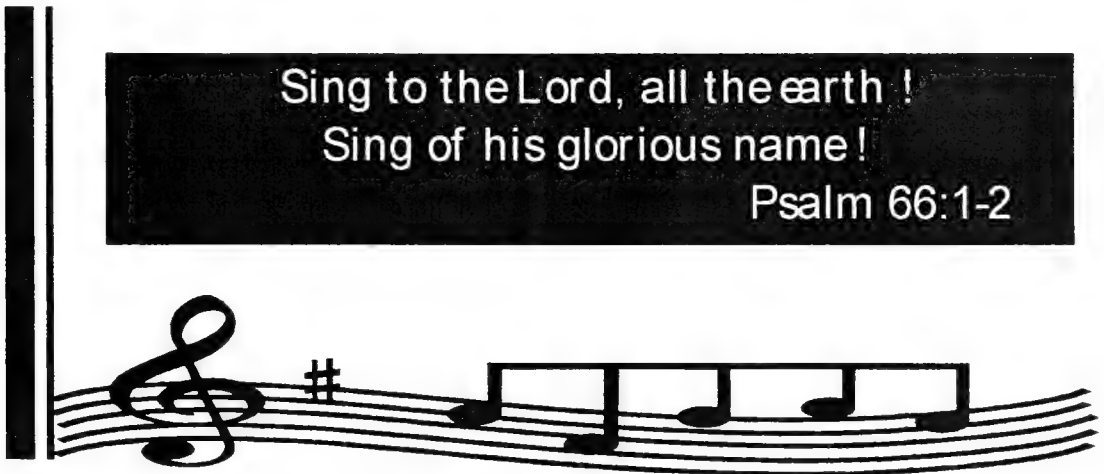
The *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with an even larger audience during the past year. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to "**Sing to the glory of God.**"

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell

Sing to the Lord, all the earth !
Sing of his glorious name !

Psalm 66:1-2



ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

FIFTH QUARTER at **THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH**. Three Forks Youth Pastor, Rev Jamie Steele, hosts evangelistic rallies after every Alexander Central High School home football game. Each event includes free food and drink, uplifting praise and worship, and features dynamic speakers. This is a wonderful ministry that provides wholesome environment for our Christian youth. More importantly, Fifth Quarter provides a non-threatening arena for non-Christian youth to hear the "**Good News of Jesus Christ**". At the end of each service an invitation is given and many young people respond, including several who give their hearts and lives to Jesus as Savior and Lord.

David Nasser will be the featured speaker at ACHS on Saturday, May 3 2003. David will be presenting an evangelistic message designed to reach the youth of Alexander County. This event is being sponsored through the Alexander Baptist Association and is open to area churches to promote and attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch King, Team Leader
ASSN YOUTH MINISTRY

Info on David Nasser: David has shared his story of how God brought him and his family out of danger and into a relationship with Him all over the country. He serves on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team doing School Revivals and Youth Nights. David also spends many weeks traveling to take part in retreats, revivals, camps and conferences with David Nasser Outreach. He joined Student Life on the 2000 Tour, "The Way, The Truth, and The Life". He and his wife Jennifer live in Birmingham, AL with their new baby, Grace. David Nasser Outreach can be contacted at www.davidnasser.com or 205-425-9996.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of the ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Preamble

We, the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the region of Alexander County, State of North Carolina, unite according to the plan and for the purpose of New Testament churches in our world. To this end and according to the following articles, we cooperate, with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we confirm the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (revised in 1998).

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association, Inc., hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this state is at 223 5th Ave., SW, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 28681, in Alexander County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity, growth, and cooperation among the churches related to the Association and to provide resources, opportunities, and coordination that will encourage and enable the churches, both individually and together, to achieve the objectives and goals toward fulfilling the Great Commission in their community, association, state, nation and around the world.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. The Association shall be composed of each local Missionary Baptist Church in the region desiring membership in the Association. A Missionary Baptist Church shall be defined as follows:

- a) One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association.
- b) Elects and sends messengers to the quarterly meetings.

- c) Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and
- d) Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 2. Voting Messengers: Each member church of the Association shall send four (4) messengers to the Associational sessions composed of the pastor of said member church and three (3) active members of said church, each of whom shall have an equal voting privilege with regard to Associational business.

Section 3. Any church may sever its working relationship with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a member church when without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 1 or when for any reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be inconsistent with the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4. Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

- a) Make application to the Association Credentials Committee for recognition as a member Baptist Church.
- b) Furnish the Credentials Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.
- c) Upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Association in any session, a church may be recognized as a member church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church in the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, with October as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Association year shall begin September 1 and continue through August 31.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator/President to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office. He shall sign all legal documents for the Association as President of the Association.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator/Vice-President to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk/Secretary to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and supervise the printing and distributing of the same. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Association office. The Clerk/Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Council and serve as its official correspondent. The Clerk/Secretary shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 5. In addition to the above set forth officers, the Association at its April meeting shall elect a leadership team nominated for that purpose.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members shall be elected from the floor in the January quarterly meeting of the Association consisting of no more than one (1) member from any given church.

Section 7. In addition to the election of the officers set forth above, the Association shall elect a Director of Missions who shall serve indefinitely at the discretion of the Association. The election of said Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any duly scheduled meeting of the Association. The termination of the Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

An Associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Women's Missionary Union, Baptist Men's Ministry, Music and Youth. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the Sunday School

director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3. In case of an emergency, the Executive Council may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4. The Clerk/Secretary shall make a report of the Executive Council proceedings to the Association in session. The report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A majority of enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes of the members present except for the election or dismissal of the Director of Missions.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

If, and when, a change in this constitution or bylaws is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the Executive Council at least three (3) months [one quarter] before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Executive Council to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of the proposed change or changes. The amendment of the constitution and bylaws shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Association present at its annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Meeting of Assoc. Executive Council 6/8/2000 - 7:00 PM)

1. Recommend we move the July Quarterly Meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month to avoid any conflict with the July 4th holiday.

2. Add to the Executive Council the following:

- A. The Parliamentarian
- B. The Association Music Director

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Council
Alexander Baptist Association

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 5, 2000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - 2002-2003

CONSISTS OF ALL GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Rev Keith Childers, Moderator (Lebanon)
Rev Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator (East Taylorsville)
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk (Little River)
Mrs Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer (FBC)
Mr Robert Austin, Parliamentarian (Antioch)
Mrs Shelia Austin, Music Director (Antioch)
Rev Bill Goble, Director of Missions (Ex-Officio)
Rev Gary Jennings, Church & Community Ministries Dir (Ex-Officio)

AND THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS:

Rev Paul Schronce (Mt Herman)	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Mrs Cathy Hartness (Stony Point)	DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIR
Mr Don Austin (Mt Herman)	BAPTIST MEN DIRECTOR
Mrs Linda McLain (Sulphur Springs)	WMU DIRECTOR
Rev Jamie Steele (ETBC)	EVANGELISM DIRECTOR
Rev Gary Jennings (Antioch)	ON MISSION DIRECTOR
Mrs Shelia Austin (Antioch)	MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 3, 2002

Since the July, 2002 meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association, CWJC has continued to serve seven of the original participants, added two and currently have one participant awaiting assignment of a mentor.

A meeting of all mentors was held in July with good attendance which included a prospective mentor. A training class is planned for later in October, 2002. Any woman interested in participating in CWJC as a mentor may call the Alexander Baptist Association at 632-6546 to inquire about the training.

During the summer months, a letter was sent to ten pastors of area churches requesting that CWJC be included in their budgets for the 2002-2003 year. Millersville Baptist Church responded with a substantial pledge. Other churches participating through monthly donations are: Hiddenite Baptist, East Taylorsville Baptist and First United Methodist. Sulpher Springs Baptist and Mt. Herman Baptist are regular contributors through mentors from their churches. We are very appreciative of this support since only donated funds can be used for emergency assistance for our participants. The funds received from the Department of Social Services are used for office expenses only.

In July, representatives of CWJC traveled to Faith Baptist Church in Statesville, NC to present information about the program. Nine mentors and family members attended. The church members were very interested in our activities and expressed a desire to establish a CWJC in that area. They donated \$146 to be used for groceries for one of our participants. Women from that church will be invited to our next mentor training.

We received gift bags from a GA group at a church in Granite Falls. The bags were distributed to each mentor and participant.

CWJC mentors and Advisory Board Members participated in a sale of candles as a fund raiser for the program. We netted \$366 which will be used for emergency assistance.

As Site Coordinator of CWJC of Alexander, I have two major goals for the future. The first goal I want to pursue is to secure a mentor from every church in the county and then encourage that church to support the participant of their mentor. When this goal is accomplished, we will be able to take care of our own-- without governmental assistance. I believe that this goal is Biblically based and that we can accomplish it with God's approval and guidance.

For the second goal, I want to begin work to establish a Medicaid Dental Clinic in Alexander County. This goal will require an organized approach from citizens of this county. Anyone interested in helping me pursue this goal is invited to call me at the Alexander Baptist Association.

Marie Chapman, Site Coordinator

BROTHERHOOD/BAPTIST MEN MINISTRY REPORT

I first of all would like to say "Thank You" for the opportunity to serve you this year as your Baptist Men and RA Leader. I have been given information about our Association and see that nine churches do not have a Baptist Men's group or Royal Ambassador group. I will be in touch with each pastor of those churches to see if there is any interest to start a chapter.

If any one would need help for training information or material, please call me to help you in any way. I can be reached at home 632-2172 or at work 493-3389.

Please pray for our Association and for me as we work together to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Austin
BAPTIST MEN DIRECTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

Over the course of this past year issues continue to rise to the surface that have the potential of greatly impacting Christian rights, Christian values and the Christian home and family. Who would have thought that the phrase "One Nation Under God" could ever be at risk in the pledge to our nation's flag? It is of vital importance that we as Christians make our voice heard concerning issues that are controversial to some, such as stem cell research, cloning, and the lottery, to mention only a few.

Ephesians 5:19 in God's Word tells us "...having done all, to stand".

May God find us faithful and committed to boldly take a holy stand on moral and biblical issues in our day.

In Christ,

Keith Childers, Chairman
Christian Life Commission

SENIOR ADULT REPORT

An Associational county-wide **HEALTH FAIR** was held in the Family Life Center at Three Forks Baptist Church on September 27 2001. About 45 seniors came to have their cholesterol, blood pressure, PSA, and sugar levels checked. The test results were mailed to each participant's home the following month. The church kitchen was open to provide food and drink to those in attendance.

Catawba Valley Medical Center staff were gracious as they gave of their time and important information. There were many free handouts provided regarding several major health issues. Hospice of Alexander County was also on hand with information and helpful advise for the public.

On August 29 2002 about 50 seniors came to the "**SENIOR NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**" at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. We watched an old classic movie "Sheffey", about a nineteenth century circuit riding preacher. Everyone made his or hew own sundae from the best homemade ice cream.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD GREGORY, DIRECTOR
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

RODNEY BOUTWELL, ASST. DIRECTOR
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alexander Baptist Association in the 115th Annual Session that we are grateful to God for another year in which we could serve Him.

We are thankful to the pastors and members of Lebanon Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Mt Olive Baptist Church for their warm hospitality, wonderful fellowship, and delicious food that was provided for us at these three quarterly sessions during 2001-2002. Special thanks go to Pastor Gary Jennings and the congregation of East Taylorsville Baptist Church for the extra preparations that were made for us at our Annual Session on October 3rd. We are indeed appreciative for the delicious evening meal that was prepared and served to us.

We are very appreciative of the associational leadership - Director of Missions Bill Goble, Moderator Keith Childers, On Mission Director Gary Jennings, and Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Bobbi Glass, for their assistance in helping our churches to be more involved in evangelism and missions.

We express our gratitude to all the churches who have supported the ministry of Associational Missions - through their prayers, gifts, cooperation and involvement during the year 2001-2002. May we continue to reach out even more "In Jesus' Name" in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

Resolutions Committee

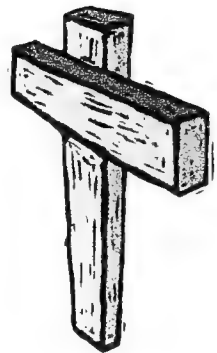
Discipleship Training

A Discipleship training ministry is not absolutely necessary for a church to disciple people, but discipleship training is. If our churches are going to be healthy churches, we must have a plan for discipling people. The heart of any discipleship training ministry should be to help people grow in their faith, to develop their ability to serve, and to learn to share their faith with others. Does your church have a plan in place to disciple new believers, such as Survival Kit for new Christians? Does your church have a plan to grow and equip its believers into spiritual maturity? If not, listed below are some examples of how you can help your members grow in their faith, in their lifestyle, and in their ministry:

1. Assimilating new believers into the life of the church. Resources include:
 - Survival Kits
 - Taking the Next Step
 - Basic Church Stuff
 - Now That I'm a Christian
2. Guiding disciples to grow in spiritual maturity. Resources include:
 - Experiencing God
 - Share Jesus Without Fear
 - CrossSeekers: Discipleship Covenant for a New Generation
 - The Youth Disciple
 - Exploring for Older Children
 - Bible Drill
 - Team Kid
3. Equipping disciples to strengthen family relationships. Resources include:
 - Empowered Parenting
 - Healing the Wounds
 - Building Strong Families
4. Equipping disciples for leadership and ministry. Resources include:
 - Jesus on Leadership
 - Serving God
 - MasterLife
 - God's Invitation
 - DiscipleLife: Leading Youth Discipleship in a Church

In Service to Jesus,

Cathy Hartness
Discipleship Training Consultant



HISTORY OF EAST TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

East Taylorsville Baptist Church was organized on February 10 1924 with thirteen charter members. The first church building was a frame structure erected in 1926. A brick church was built in 1949 and since then many additions and renovations have been made and are recorded in past minutes of the Alexander Association.

Since we met here in 1994 the church has installed new playground equipment, built a bus garage, refurbished Meredith Hall, relocated and refurbished the library, installed a new sound system, and purchased adjoining property.

Adults and youth have gone on mission trips in the past three years to West Virginia, the Philippines, Uruguay, Philadelphia, and Charleston.

Staff changes that have been made since 1994:

- 1996 Craig Hamlin became Associate Pastor
- 1997 Christa Wike became Secretary/Treasurer
- 1998 Marvin Yarborough became Youth Pastor
- 2001 Rodney Boutwell became Minister of Music
- 2001 Rev Gary Jennings retired after 30 years of faithful service, and in the same year Rev Craig Hamlin became Senior Pastor and is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley
Chairman, History Committee

**Alexander Baptist Association
115th Annual Session
Thursday, October 3, 2002
East Taylorsville Baptist Church**

Shining THE LIGHT on a Ground Zero World

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator	Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator	Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director	

FIRST SESSION: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

1. The Alexander Central High School Chorus provided the prelude and Call to Worship. Mr. Ron Vannoy directed the Chorus as they sang **Give me Jesus, Jesus Loves Me, Down to the River to Pray** and **Lord, Lay Your Hands Upon Me**.
2. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in singing of the theme song, **The Light of the World is Jesus**. Accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist.
3. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the 115th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Hamlin opened the session with prayer.
4. Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, led in a devotion from Psalms 142:1-4. In this scripture, we find David in a cave and running from Saul. He is in a Ground Zero point in his life. Three things are true of a lost world from this scripture: a) David is lost. He had ran away from everything in his life and did not think that he could ever return. He did not know where life would take him. b) David also was lonely in this cave. We find lonely and lost people in every area of our lives. c) David was also looking. The folks we meet in this Ground Zero world are also looking. The question that these folks are asking is "Does anybody care for my soul. I'm lost and lonely, but I'm looking for something." The Bible tells us that no one seeks after God, which means that we have to seek them. Too often we are dwelling in a cave when the beauty of God is all around us. We need to go into the cave and show these people the way out. We need to be cave dwellers with a candle. Rev. Hamlin closed the devotion with prayer.
5. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, constituted the 115th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Childers requested that we follow the bulletin as the agenda for the session.
6. Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions, welcomed all visitors, new pastors, new staff members, pastors and guests. Seven pastors were present. Two pastors, Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove and Rev. Keith Childers, Lebanon have been serving their churches for more than ten years. Rev. Goble also noted that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Rev. Goble recognized Rev. David Boan a former pastor at First Baptist church. Rev. Goble also honored those deceased since last year and read a verse of scripture from Revelation. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, lead in prayer.
7. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in a selection of hymns for a praise medley. Songs included **Come, Though Almighty King; Glorify Thy Name** and

Majesty. Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist accompanied the hymns.

8. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, reported on the status of our Sunday Schools. He discussed the importance of Sunday School and how young lives are formed in Sunday School. He stated that Sunday School did grow this year by small increases. He stated that due to this, Sunday School would soon become extinct. Today, the number one source of entering a church is to worship. Sunday School had been the number one source for people entering church. (The five basic functions of the church are: worship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry and discipleship.) One of the many ways to spread the message of Christ is through Sunday School. Rev. Schronce's goal this year is to talk to the pastors and Sunday School Directors of each church to discuss their Sunday School needs. We all serve the same God so we all can help each other. He seeks a five percent growth in average attendance in Sunday School.
9. Rev. Jamie Steele, Three Forks, presented the Evangelism report. He reported on the Jesus video project and how that almost every church participated. Also, several churches put the Evangelism department in their budget this coming year. Thirty-nine area churches provided \$39,316 toward the distribution of the video. Seventeen of the Associational churches donated money to the project and with the Association gave in excess of \$20,000. Individuals gave almost \$8,000. The Christian Crisis Center will receive \$1,500 of the excess. Stony Point and Bethlehem food pantries will receive \$750 each. The Crisis Center, Stony Point and Bethlehem will receive \$1,500 and \$750 respectively after all the taxes have been collected.

Rev. Steele reported that a Youth Rally would be held on May 3, 2003 at Alexander Central High School with Mr. David Nasher as guest speaker. Rev. Steele shared some of the experiences that Mr. Nasher has encountered during his life.

Rev. Steele announced that on Monday, October 7 a meeting would be held at the Alexander Baptist Association office from 7-9pm to discuss a basketball ministry called "Upwards". The ministry is for grades 1-6 to encourage youths to participate in this ministry instead of recreation ball.

10. Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM Director, presented the CCM report. The role of the CCM Director is to coordinate, council and motivate churches to be on missions for Christ. Rev. Jennings encouraged everyone to sign a banner for the National Guard during the dinnertime.

Rev. Jennings reported that the Toy Store would be held at the East Taylorsville Baptist gym on December 11 & 12 with setup on December 9 & 10. He reported that we have exhausted the materials that have been carried over from year to year for the Toy Store ministry. The churches need to restock and he asks that each church do what they have done in the past and a little more. It is such a blessing to distribute the toys and to present the gospel to the families served.

Rev. Jennings reported on the clothing needs for a West Virginia Crisis Center. This summer, Millersville Baptist Church ministered at the New Covenant Baptist Church and Crisis Center in Bat Cave, West Virginia. The clothing center needs restocking and we will be holding a clothing drive for this purpose. The Alexander Christian Crisis Center will be collecting the clothes and the Truckers for Christ will be assisting in the delivery of the clothes.

Rev. Jennings is greatly encouraged by the opportunities that exist for ministry and the churches that are willing to participate. He encouraged every church to participate in a mission project this coming year. He also reported for the Brotherhood Director that there were 54 homes in the eastern part of the state in need of renovating.

11. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, presented the Director of Missions report. He thanked Mrs. Bobbi Glass and Miss Suzanne Goble for their work in preparing the Book of Reports.

Rev. Goble reported that October 13 is Hunger Day and urged everyone to observe this day. He reported that the Crisis Center received a \$3,000 check from the NC Baptist State Convention.

Rev. Goble discussed the Digest of Letters and the Calendar for the coming year. Rev. Goble asked that those present approve the proposed Calendar. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made a motion to accept the calendar and Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.

Rev. Goble announced that a meeting on Parliamentary Procedures would be held on Thursday, October 17 at Millersville Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm and go through 8:30pm. A snack dinner will be provided at the church beginning at 6:15pm.

12. Rev. David Boan, Church & Community Relations Director at Gardner Webb University, presented a report on Christian Higher Education. He reported that all monies donated through the Co-operative program go toward scholarships for needy students. He reported that Gardner Webb has had an all time high in enrollment and have over 3,800 students preparing for Christian service.

Rev. Boan requested prayers for the college as it is going through a period of crisis. The college is strong and is about the Father's business. An outside firm has investigated the allegations against the college and has reported back to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and the college are in the process of healing and getting back to the task of educating young students. Even though times of crisis come in the lives of individuals, churches and institutions, God is still on His throne and God's people are proclaiming His good news and grace. Rev. Boan is thankful for the freedom of expression that is taking place on the campus and is encouraged that they will emerge strong and capable to do what God has called them to do. Gardner-Webb wants to continue to be that shining light in a Ground Zero world.

Rev. Boan reported about other programs that the college offers. The GOAL program has over 1,100 students enrolled. Currently there are 200 students in the school of divinity and 25 students in the doctor of ministry degree program.

Rev. Boan shared how that he had an opportunity to speak at the College's Christian Service Organization. The organization was founded in 1978 by two professors and several lay people who saw an influx of students that felt the call of God in their lives to prepare for ministry. However, these students did not have the resources to prepare for the ministry. The organization was founded in order to provide scholarships for these students. In 1978, the first two CSO scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$125. Two weeks ago, \$130,000 in CSO scholarships was awarded to students preparing for full-time Christian service. One of those students is an Alexander County resident.

Thanks to everyone that provides resources to educate young men and women for the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

13. Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk, presented the Attendance report. She thanked the churches that prepared their Annual Church profiles on time and that a list of those churches could be found in the Book of Reports. A total of 56 messengers were present (67%) with 13 pastors. Along with 56 guests representing the churches and 19 other guests, total attendance was 112.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Church
Antioch	4	0	4
Beulah	2	0	2
Bethlehem	2	0	2
Calvary	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	3	17	20
First Baptist	1	2	3
Hiddenite	2	0	2
Lebanon	2	1	3
Linney's Grove	3	0	3
Little River	3	1	4
Macedonia	4	0	4
Millersville	3	0	3
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0
Mt. Herman	4	4	8
Mt. Olive	4	1	5
Pilgrim	3	0	3
Pleasant Hill	3	0	3
Smyrna	1	1	2
Stony Point	4	3	7
Sulphur Springs	4	3	7
Three Forks	4	4	8
Total	56	37	93
Guests		19	112

14. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer report. She noted a check for the amount \$1,911.96 was written out of the Evangelism budget for the Jesus video. A few items were over budget, specifically medical insurance coverage, repairs and maintenance. Mrs. Glass made a motion to accept the report with Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, seconding the motion. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, had a question regarding the Hispanic mission. Rev. Lambert's question was in regards to the category the monies were listed. Mrs. Glass reported that the monies were included in the Receipts category. Those present approved the Treasurers report by acclamation.
15. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, expressed his thanks to everyone that prepared for this session: Rev. Craig Hamlin, Rev. Bill Goble, Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Miss Suzanne Goble and Mr. Robert Austin.

16. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, read the dedication of the 2002 Annual Minutes to those who lost their lives in the tragedies on September 11, 2001.
17. The East Taylorsville Praise Team consisting of Rev. Craig Hamlin, Mrs. Jennifer Hamlin, Ms. Amanda Simpson, Ms. Debbie Hartness, Mrs. Sharon Adkins and Mr. Jeff Fairchild; provided the Choral Worship with the song **Potters Hand**.
18. Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point, announced that a "Walk Through the Bible" ministry would begin at their church on Sunday, November 3 at 1:30pm.
19. Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point, delivered a message on missions from the scripture found in select verses in the book of Numbers 13 and 14. The work that we are asked to do for the church and for the kingdom is to share the gospel, the gospel of God's love. There is a work to be done that is hard and fulfilling. We have a responsibility but we often want to let others do the work. Baptism may be numbers to some, but when you work for the salvation of others, those numbers take on a person.

In the scripture, twelve people were sent out by Moses to search out the Promised Land. After their report, it was decided to go into the land. However, the people were upset about the battle that they were required to fight. Because of their murmurings, God promised to destroy them. The whole nation did not respond and as a result thousands would be destroyed.

We are one of many that have the opportunity to witness to thousands of Ground Zero people. We are called to respond to the call of "shining THE LIGHT" to the millions that do not have Christ. Because we have responded to God's voice, we have been given a better way – Christ.

The people in the scripture were given a Promised Land. Just like the people in the scripture, we have been given a work to do; we just need to do it. The people were afraid and their fear brought about a lack of faith. These people never dared to pass into the Promised Land. For the same reasons, many people never dare to pass into doing the work that God has in store for us. One of the fears that we have is 'what will God expect of me.' We fear what God will ask us to do and we are afraid of failure. Matthew 28 tells us that we are to go and make disciples. The mode of transportation of the people in the scripture was fear for their lives. They were afraid of persecution. God has promised a better life and He has commissioned us to go and make disciples. He will be with us always.

Make a plan to go and work in the field. We must not yield to the report of the majority; we need to see for ourselves. It is different being on the field than just hearing about the work. You may have fears, but you will get blessed.

We all can't have things the way that we want. Often in a democracy, you don't get what you want. Caleb and Joshua were the minority and were following God's direction. What do we listen to? Often times, we are not the majority. God's point of view is not always the choice. God's ways confronts those that do not believe in the whole truth of God. Often we stand with the minority. Therefore, we must become stronger in our convictions. We must share our convictions with each other and encourage each other to go out and do this work.

We do live in a Ground Zero world. We can truly make a difference. The people in the scripture were looking at the same situation and saw it in different ways. The majority sided

with the problem and the minority sided with God. The minority can make a difference. God allowed for this delay so that it would strengthen Caleb and Joshua.

Commit yourself to resist the majority mindset. Listen to God's word. Two out of ten people present that are willing to go will make a difference. We will face the consequence of our choice. Will you go?

Rev. Kasey concluded the message in prayer.

20. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in a Hymn of Commitment, **Jesus is Lord of All** with Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist.

21. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, thanked East Taylorsville for opening their doors for the Annual Session.

22. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, closed the session for dinner in prayer.

SECOND SESSION: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

23. The East Taylorsville Praise Team provided the prelude and Call to Worship with the songs **There's Power in the Name** and **Saved**.

24. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in the theme song **The Light of the World is Jesus**. Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist accompanied the hymn.

25. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, welcomed everyone back to the second session of the 115th Annual Session.

26. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led the meeting in several areas of business. Rev. Childers noted that there has been an increase in health insurance for Mrs. Bobbi Glass (\$36.28 per month) and Rev. Bill Goble (\$62 per month) and asked that the Association approve the payment of this increase. Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove, made a motion to approve the increase and Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.

27. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, requested approval for the appointment of a committee to prepare a van and bus policy. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, made a motion to allow the Moderator to appoint this committee to develop the policy. Rev. Dan Spears, Macedonia, seconded the motion and those present approved by acclamation.

28. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, requested approval for the appointment of a committee to establish a policy and procedures manual. This committee would work with Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, to establish a policy and procedures manual that would be used to clearly define responsibilities and authorities. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made a motion to elect the committee from the floor. Mr. Stanley Reese, Pilgrim, seconded the motion and those present approved by acclamation.

29. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led the nominations for the Policy and Procedures Committee. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, asked how many should be on this committee and Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, suggested three to five people.

Rev. Dan Spears, Macedonia nominated Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill.
Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill nominated Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks.
Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman nominated Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville.
Mr. Robert Austin, Antioch nominated Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove.
Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman was also nominated.

Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM Director, made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Robert Austin, Antioch, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.

30. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, requested the authority for Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, to apply for a grant for a Mein people ministry. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, reports that there are 45-50 Mein people in Alexander County (10-12 families - from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Southeast Asia.) Rev. Dan Spears, Macedonia, made a motion to authorize Rev. Goble to apply for this grant. The grant would be a \$2,400 request. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, seconded the motion. Those present approved by a show of hands and the motion carried.
31. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led a discussion regarding the bus Bethlehem donated. The bus needs to be painted and new lettering. A bid of \$225 to paint and letter the bus has been received. The bid for removing the old lettering is \$35 per man-hour. A motion was made by Mr. Bobby Millsaps, Linney's Grove to have the work completed and Rev. Dan Spears, Macedonia, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
32. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, read a "Record of Position Regarding the Proposed N.C. State Lottery". (Included at the end of the minutes.) Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, made a motion to accept this position and Rev. D.W. Chapman, Mt. Olive, seconded the motion. Mr. Robert Austin, Antioch questioned if the statement would be forwarded to our elected officials. Rev. Childers noted that it would be forwarded. Mr. Tim Deaton, Bethlehem, suggested amending "a legalized lottery" to "any form of legal gambling". Rev. Childers stated that we would leave the statement as is and would include the recommendation "legalized state lottery or any form of legalized gambling" in the statement. The motion was amended to include Mr. Deaton's amendment and those present approved by acclamation.
33. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, read a "Record of Position Regarding Efforts to Make Alcohol More Readily Available in the State of North Carolina". (Included at the end of the minutes.) Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made a motion to accept this position and Rev. Craig Hamlin, East Taylorsville, seconded the motion. Rev. Childers noted that this statement would be forwarded to our elected officials also. Those present approved by acclamation.
34. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, discussed the water right agreement. Mr. Richard Gwaltney is writing up an agreement. The Association has not been paying for the electrical bill. The former owners had taken care of changing the electrical. Mr. Harrington is in full agreement and waiting to sign the new agreement. With this new agreement, we, the Association, would not be responsible for the maintenance or upkeep of the well or pump or water lines until such time that we would need to begin using the well again.
35. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, discussed insurance coverage of many churches. A specific insurance company has sent out letters regarding the requirement of fifteen-passenger van drivers go through a training period to be approved to drive this type of vehicle. The State of

NC is considering this requirement also. It is also noted that anyone that wanting to use the bus is required to have CDL license. Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove, noted that there is a passenger endorsement on CDL license. Rev. Brent Dula, Beluah, noted that there was a Class B CDL license.

36. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, led devotion on faith. Talking about "Ground Zero", the eyes of the world were on this one spot. Everybody looked at it from different cultures, prisms, reasoning's and backgrounds. Additionally people looked at it from different faiths. At one time we had a stable meaning for faith. Yet on September 11, 2001, faith emerged as 'faiths'. However, as Christians, we understand that there is only one way to heaven - one faith, one Lord, one God. God says in the Bible that "Besides me, there is no other." Throughout time, teachings have changed from what the scriptures states. The Bible has not changed, it is still firm. Thinking about Ground Zero, the world is the harvest and the worlds eyes should be focused on the church of Jesus Christ. Ground Zero really should be at Golgotha. The greatest act of terrorism that ever happened happened there. When man, our sins nailed to the cross our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us remember to look to the cross. Continue to preach the cross for it is the power of God to save. As Christians, we cannot ever move from Ground Zero. Rev. Runion closed with prayer.
37. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, gave the Resolution Committee Report. He read a note of appreciation to Bethlehem Baptist Church for the donation of the bus. Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove, made a motion to accept this reading and Rev. D.W. Chapman, Mt. Olive, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
38. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, read a second note of appreciation from the Resolution Committee. (Included at the end of the minutes.) The second note was to East Taylorsville Baptist Church for their hospitality for the 115th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs, made a motion to accept this note and Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
39. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, asked for any other business from the floor. There being no other business, the business session of the meeting was closed.
40. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, recognized the past and present Association Leadership team. He also introduced the speaker, Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs.
41. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in a praise medley consisting of the songs **Surely the Presence, He is Here** and **All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord**. Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist accompanied with music.
42. The East Taylorsville Praise Team provided music in worship with the song **All Things are Possible**.
43. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs, lead an inspiring message from Mathew 5. When we try to do anything on our own, we fail. With faith and trust in Christ all things are possible.

On Tuesday, September 11 2001, we were caught off guard and we all were in a panic, but someone needed to stay calm. Our world was turned upside down and we are at zero. We worried about wars in other countries, but not our homeland. We had to adjust our routine and became fearful. The events caused our government to take another look at our national security, our borders, business practices, our partners and military involvement. They had to

analyze soldiers, allies, our mission and our purpose as a nation. We need to pray for our military that have dedicated to serve and protect us.

As a result of 9-11, we were forced to face death. We faced invincibility for the first time in our history. Death and loss have become a reality here on the home front now. It has caused us to look at ways to be prepared.

A Ground Zero world has lost people and Christians that are asleep. In Matthew 5, we are instructed to shore up things in our lives. We need to know who we are and what we stand for (our mission) so that we can calm a turbulent world. In this scripture we are told to shore up our churches and ourselves.

Rev. Parks shared a story about Chippey the parakeet from Max Lucado's book "In the Eye of a Storm". Chippey was picked up by the vacuum cleaner one day and the owner tried to clean him up. As a result, Chippey does not sing like he used to. He was sucked in, washed up and blown over. We are like this today. Chippey was bearing his cross just like Jesus tells us to bear our cross. We have to understand who we are and what our purpose is in this Ground Zero world. Somebody has got to be calm and show hope.

We may think that we are nobody, but Christ died for us, so we are somebody. The potential of our influence is staggering. We will never know how great our influence is until judgment comes. Your Christian influence is important in these Ground Zero times. Every Christian influence is important. Why do we have to pass so many resolutions today? Christians of the past did not have to pass the resolutions that we have to pass. They used their influence to get their point across. However, some did not use their influence enough and as a result, we have to pass these resolutions today. Our influence is powerful because we are serving a powerful Lord. The people gathered around Jesus in Matthew did not think that they had any influence and most likely felt that they were common people. But Jesus was trying to teach them that they were going to have a great influence on the world that could never be measured.

After reading Matthew 5:13-16, Rev. Parks led in prayer.

In the scripture, Christ called us the salt of the world and the light of the world. He was telling the people that He was counting on them to do something incredible. He expects us all to be doing something incredible. Pastors are expected to do certain things. But when lay people do those same things, it is an incredible influence on others. People in today want to see people that have experienced their situations. However, Christians are to be different and make a difference. That difference is Christ.

Christ can do things through us and we can be different. We can be different by being like salt. The uses of salt were many: antiseptic, a purifying agent, a preservative, a bond and seasoning. Christ is saying that we are like that. Salt is the difference between decay and preservation. Because we follow Him, we are the difference. We are so important that He calls us the salt of the earth.

It is tragic when the salt "loses its savor" – we are in that situation because of a loss of impact by doing severe deeds. How does salt lose its savor? How do we lose our influence? By mixing with something else, adulteration. As salt of the world, we must not lose our purity. Churches, preachers, deacons, lay people; we all have lost our saltiness. By taking the strength out of the church through music, theology and things against the Scriptures.

You can't mix Jesus with anything except a lost soul. When we do, we take out some of the saltiness of Christianity. We are mixing where we ought not mix.

Jesus also calls us the light of the world. Christ is the light but He also calls us the light. He is building us into what He first showed us. He is the source of the light and He is building us into what He wants us to be. We are not the source, however. Jesus is the only source and if we don't carry the source with us we cannot do much. We are a reflection of The Light. We need to be careful of the light that we shine.

In verse 15, Christ urges us not to put our light under a bushel but put it on a candlestick. When we shine the light and become noticed, we will face ridicule. Shine for Jesus as individuals, churches and association. We may want to hide from the responsibility that we are given; but we need to shine for Jesus. When you feel like quitting or dropping out, shine. We are to let our light shine so that people can see Christ in our life.

In order to be salt and light and in order for it to function, it has to be pure and it has to penetrate. How many times do we enter a room and compliment the light bulb? We compliment the things that are reflected by the light. Salt also adds flavor and may go unnoticed. As Christians, we need to keep adding flavor to this world. In a Ground Zero world, Christ is challenging us to be salt and light. Tell people about Jesus.

Rev. Parks closed the message in prayer.

44. Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville, led the congregation in a dedication medley following a responsive reading. The medley consisted of **Through It All** and **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**. Mrs. Beverly Elder, pianist and Mrs. Linda Lackey, organist accompanied with music.
45. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, closed the session with a statement by Dr. Charles Spurgeon "God is too wise to ever be mistaken. God is too kind to ever be cruel. When you cannot trace His hand, you can trust His heart." Rev. Childers talked about how special and important the altar is in all our lives. He called for altar prayer and closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Goble, Clerk

Record of Position Regarding the Proposed N.C. State Lottery

In light of the present movement to legalize a state lottery in the state of North Carolina, as members of the Alexander Baptist Association of Southern Baptist churches, we wish to go on record as of October 3, 2002 in our association's annual meeting, expressing our opposition to the current legislative action which would provide for a state lottery. We further encourage the governor and state legislators of North Carolina to abandon any effort or movement to establish a legalized lottery in the state of North Carolina. If they refuse to reverse their position favoring a legalized lottery, we, at the very least, urge them to allow the fine citizens of North Carolina to have an opportunity to vote concerning this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Childers, Moderator
Alexander Baptist Association

Record of Position Regarding Efforts to Make Alcohol More Readily Available in the State of North Carolina

In light of the present legislative action that seeks to make alcoholic beverages more readily available in the state of North Carolina by enabling "sports bars" and other such places of business to sell alcoholic beverages, in some cases circumventing local laws, restrictions and regulations, as members of the Alexander Baptist Association of Southern Baptist churches, we wish to go on record as of October 3, 2002 in our association's annual meeting expressing our opposition to this current legislative action. We further, encourage the governor and state legislators of North Carolina to cease to make alcoholic beverages any more accessible than they presently are without first of all allowing the citizens of North Carolina to voice their position on this issue by casting a ballot regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Childers, Moderator
Alexander Baptist Association

Resolution of Appreciation to East Taylorsville Baptist Church

As an expression of our heartfelt gratitude to East Taylorsville Baptist Church for their kind hospitality in opening its doors to host our 115th Annual Associational meeting and for the delicious meal. Be it resolved that we the messengers of the Alexander Baptist Association commend the congregation of East Taylorsville Baptist Church and it's pastor, Rev. Craig Hamlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Childers, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

Alexander Baptist Association
115th Annual Session
Thursday, October 3, 2002

Theme:
Shining THE LIGHT on a Ground Zero World

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director

East Taylorsville Baptist Church
246 1st Avenue Drive SE, Taylorsville, NC

First Session
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

3:55 P.M Prelude & Call to Worship. ACHS Chorus
Mr. Ron Vannoy, Director
Congregational Theme Song. "The Light of the World is Jesus"
Welcome & Announcements. Rev. Craig Hamlin, Host Pastor
Devotion & Prayer. Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville
Constitution of Session & Order of Business. Moderator
Recognition of Visitors, New Pastors & Staff, Memorials. Rev. Bill Goble
4:25 P.M. – Praise Medley "Come, Thou Almighty King" # 8
"Glorify Thy Name" # 9
"Majesty" # 10

Reports

Sunday School. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman
Evangelism. Rev. Jamie Steele
CCM. Rev. Gary Jennings, Antioch/CCM Director
Director of Missions & Calendar. Rev. Bill Goble
Christian Higher Education. Rev. David Boan, Director
Church & Community Relations, Gardner Webb University
Miss Suzanne Goble
Attendance.
Treasurer. Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Dedication of 2002 Annual Minutes. Moderator

5:20 P.M. – Choral Worship. ETBC Praise Team

Message. Rev. Brent Kasey, Stony Point
Hymn of Commitment. "Jesus Is Lord of All" # 599
6:00 P.M. – Prayer – Adjourn for Dinner

Second Session
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

6:55 P.M. – Prelude & Call to Worship. ETBC Praise Team
Congregational Theme Song. "The Light of the World is Jesus"
Welcome, Announcements & Business Moderator
Devotional & Prayer. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks
Resolution Committee Report. Moderator
Recognition of Association Leaders – Past & Present Moderator
Introduction of Speakers. Moderator
Testimony.
Praise Medley "Surely the Presence" # 219
"He Is Here" # 220
"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" # 221
Choral Worship. ETBC Praise Team
Annual Sermon. Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs
Dedication Medley. "Through It All" # 580
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" # 581
Prayer & Dismissal

Next Quarterly Session
January 2, 2003
Beulah Baptist Church

2003
Alexander Baptist Association
Quarterly Sessions

Winter Session
January 2, 2003
7:00p.m.
Beulah Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 3, 2003
7:00p.m.
Hiddenite Baptist Church

Summer Session
July 10, 2003
7:00p.m.
Little River Baptist Church

116th Annual Session
October 2, 2003
4:00p.m.
Millersville Baptist Church

Gardner-Webb University - 2001- 2002 Academic Year Summary

As Gardner-Webb officially enters into a countdown to its centennial in 2005, the institution is experiencing success in all phases of campus life. Despite a progressive move into the 21st century, however, the University's mission remains the same as it has been since its founding in 1905 -- to provide learning of distinction within a caring Christian environment.

The 2001-2002 year at Gardner-Webb will be noted in the annals of the University's history as one of extreme significance. Programs and facilities, affiliations, personnel and student body all were enhanced further to continue the institution's rise to regional and national prominence.

Programs such as the M. Christopher White School of Divinity have continued to offer new and dynamic courses of study under the leadership of highly respected faculty members. In Fall 2001 Gardner-Webb began offering its first-ever doctoral program, the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree, with the maximum number of students enrolled.

The School of Divinity is prepared to enter this new realm with strong administrative and faculty leadership, and challenging curriculum and auxiliary offerings as well. A hallmark of the GWU divinity experience continues to be the annual Holy Land and Paul's Missionary Journeys Study Tours. The trips, now underwritten by GWU for divinity students, is led by GWU President Dr. Chris White, a noted authority in biblical studies, and Dr. Wayne Stacy, Dean of the School of Divinity.

The School of Divinity also welcomed the addition of two newly established endowed chairs in 2001-2002. The Bob D. Shepherd Chair of New Testament Interpretation was the first endowed chair to ever be formed at GWU, and Dr. Todd D. Still was named at opening divinity convocation to occupy the esteemed position. In the spring, the Randall Lolley Chair of Pastoral Studies was completed in honor of Dr. Lolley's tremendous impact on Baptist life.

The Center for Congregational Enrichment, a function of the School of Divinity, this past year was the beneficiary of GWU's largest-ever grant, a \$1.25 million gift from the Lilly Foundation to begin a program for youth that nurtures the call to Christian ministry. Hired this year to direct the Center and the new Lilly program was Dr. Danny West, a noted Baptist leader who will administrate the innovative new Lilly venture while continuing the Center's work to provide seminars and workshops to laypersons and church leaders on timely topics that range from teaching Sunday School to effective church administration.

The same sense of excitement and progress that has marked the past year in the School of Divinity has permeated the entire institution as well. Other areas of the University that were lauded this past year include the GWU School of Education, which had its teacher education program ranked for the third year in a row among the top programs of its kind in a recent study produced by the State Board of Education. The School of Education is recognized for quality in all its departments with accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the most prestigious status that can be achieved in teacher education.

Further indication of Gardner-Webb's commitment to the highest level quality of instruction is Dr. Gail Price, winner of the 2001-2002 Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award that honors the University's most outstanding faculty member. Price, professor of English and past chair of the GWU Department of English Language and Literature, has brought her Christian influence and integrity to the classroom for more than a decade, and her honor was voted upon by not only students, but fellow faculty and staff as well. Dr. Price is a widely respected authority in her field and regularly participates in innovative efforts locally, regionally and nationally to continually raise the standard of excellence in English and writing instruction.

Furthering its mission to provide world-class education in a Christian setting, Gardner-Webb has refined and expanded many of its 17 off-campus locations this year as well, including the new "Gardner-Webb University at Statesville" operation. Providing the only four-year opportunity to that region of North Carolina, GWU at Statesville is settling into a new, state-of-the-art facility in Iredell County that spans over 11,000 square feet. In April, a new facility was unveiled in Mecklenburg County as well, officially named "Gardner-Webb University at Charlotte." The institution's evening school offerings for working adults are offered at the site along with multiple graduate level programs for the citizens of that area also.

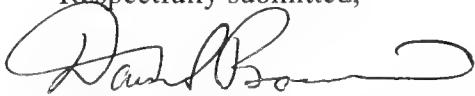
The quality of the student body continued in 2001-2002 to set new standards of excellence at GWU. The average GPA for incoming students was over 3.4 and the average SAT was 1100.

Students at Gardner-Webb also enjoyed another eventful year full of opportunities to grow in all areas of their well-being. Notably, many students again participated in Ministerial Education (M.E.) Days, which allow undergraduate and graduate ministerial students the chance to preach in Baptist churches in area associations through a cooperative arrangement with the GWU Office of Campus Ministries. That office continues also to offer the weekly DIMENSIONS program to students, which features prominent speakers and performers who bring positive messages of their Christian faith each Tuesday throughout the academic year.

As a leader in the Baptist community, Gardner-Webb takes seriously its responsibility as a beacon of quality Christian higher education to the state, region and the nation.

Staying true to its affiliation with the Christian faith, Gardner-Webb remains appreciative for the generous support it receives from the Cooperative Program and feels that the school is more effective as a result of offerings that are enhanced with these funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. David Boan", with a stylized, flowing script.

C. David Boan

Director of Church Relations

PASTORAL CARE SEMINARS
FOR
MINISTERS AND CHURCH LEADERS
BY
BAPTIST HOSPITAL'S
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

We are able to offer the following seminars for pastors, other ministers, and church leaders in your Association at no cost. We have provided them to many groups and have received very positive feedback. For more information, please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Church and Community Relations (336-716-3027).

1. SPIRITUALITY AND HEALING: PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR MINISTRY

This seminar provides an overview of the most current research on the relationships between spirituality and physical and emotional well being. The program helps clergy deepen their understanding of body, mind, and spirit interactions in the healing process. Research findings on the healing effects of prayer, church support, and meaningfulness are discussed. Clergy typically leave this seminar with a renewed sense of the value and significance of their hospital ministry.

2. SPIRITUAL DISTRESS IN MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ILLNESS: PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Spiritual distress is normal in serious illness, but when left unresolved it can lead to an increased risk of mortality. This seminar helps clergy in their ministry to patients who are facing spiritual pain from anger or disappointment with God, a sense of abandonment from God, "unanswered prayers" or pervasive guilt.

3. MOTION SICKNESS: HELPING FAMILIES THROUGH THE CRISIS OF LOSS

This seminar for clergy or church groups provides an in-depth review of the waves of grief and guidance for sensitive and effective ministry.

4. A PRIMER ON HOSPITAL MINISTRY

This seminar provides deacons and other lay ministry teams an overview of the basic do's and don'ts of ministering to patients and families. It helps people become more effective and find more meaning in their hospital visits.

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
2002

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

A. Christian Values

- CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. Over 18,000 have been distributed state-wide.
- The Executive Director of the Christian Action League has written numerous editorials that have appeared in major newspapers across the state; two have appeared in the *Raleigh News and Observer* and one in the *Charlotte Observer*. Reverend Creech is published regularly in *The Charlotte World*, *The Raleigh World* and the Triad World newspapers.
- CAL publishes once a week an Issues Alert that keeps over 1,000 people updated on the most significant events in the cultural war. Many times the Issues Alert advocates some action that Christians can take to make an impact for Christ on our legislators and U. S. Congressmen.
- Reverend Creech has taken a bold stand in favor of U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones' bill "House of Worship Political Speech Protection Act - HR 2357" which would permit churches and other houses of worship to engage in political campaigns. Rep. Jones said: "If this nation is going to remain free and strong, I think churches have an obligation to talk about issues." This bill would restore the free speech rights of pastors and ministers to speak openly about moral and religious issues during political campaigns without fear of IRS reprisal. Rev. Creech appeared on NBC 17 to debate the North Carolina head of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State on this issue.
- The Christian Action League actively promoted the "Shield a Badge with Prayer" program started by Reverend Michael Taylor, President of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Chaplains Association. The program pairs law enforcement officers with Christian people who commit to pray for them. Rev. Creech's promotion of the program on radio and in editorials resulted in Agape Press (a national Christian news agency) picking up the story and elevating it to national prominence.
- For the second consecutive year, Reverend Mark Creech has been asked to participate in the Christian World View Institute for Students. The Institute combines a balanced mix of courses that include training in the Christian World View and the opposing world views, apologetics, logic, intelligent design, government, journalism, America's Christian heritage and leadership.

B. Gambling

- Reverend Mark H. Creech has been an active member of Citizens United Against the Lottery which includes such distinguished members as William Friday (former Chancellor of the University of North Carolina system); Billy Graham (Evangelist); former Governor Robert Scott; former U. S. Senator Lauch Faircloth and Chuck Neely (2000 Gubernatorial candidate).
- The Christian Action League of North Carolina focused most of its energy this year in keeping a state-operated lottery out of North Carolina. Our efforts have been effective.

Chuck Neely, President of Citizens United Against the Lottery, recently said: "Mark Creech and the Christian Action League have played a pivotal role in holding off the gambling forces .. Mark - who speaks with the powerful, impassioned voice of truth - has helped to organize hundreds and hundreds of the faithful to call their legislators and let them know of their opposition to the lottery. Without the leadership of CAL, it is doubtful that we could have prevailed so long. The battle goes on, but Mark and CAL are always to be found where the fight is thickest. On behalf of Citizens United Against the Lottery, I am proud to acknowledge the leadership and effective effort of Mark Creech and the Christian Action League."

- In order to equip pastors and lay persons with information about the harmful effects of a lottery, the Christian Action League held workshops called "A Christian Looks at Gambling" in strategic areas across our state. CAL also furnished hundreds of packets of lottery materials (Gambling: A Bad Bet for North Carolina) to pastors.
- The League has lobbied for the passage of the Video Poker Ban bill (SB 1008). The bill currently remains in the House Rules Committee. The Department of Revenue says there are 10,094 video poker machines in the state.

C. Sex Education

- In March, 2002, the Wake County school board voted to teach comprehensive sex education. Reverend Mark Creech and CAL fought vigorously to keep comprehensive sex ed out of Wake County schools. Creech said in an editorial which appeared in the *Raleigh News and Observer* "protected promiscuity has no part in God's plan. Only sex in the context for which it was intended-lifelong, monogamous marriage-is safe."

D. Education

- Reverend Mark Creech appeared on NBC 17 to debate a professor of history from the University of North Carolina about the University's requirement that freshmen and transfer students read "Approaching the Qu'ran: The Early Revelations." Anchorman Monty Knight said the television station's ratings on that particular program were higher than even the national networks. They had never received such high ratings for a news broadcast before. Rev. Creech also wrote an editorial entitled "UNC's Doctrine" that appeared in newspapers across the state. Joe Glover, President of the Family Policy Network (the Virginia-based organization that brought the lawsuit against UNC-Chapel Hill), said he believed Rev. Creech's editorial had a significant impact on the decision by legislators in the North Carolina House to vote to defund the summer reading program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

E. Alcohol

- During the last session of the General Assembly, SB 166 (2001 Studies Act) established the Legislative Alcohol Beverage Control Study Commission. The Commission was established to consider the significant impact of the privatization of the State's present system of alcohol beverage control. If privatization was approved, it will exacerbate alcohol-related problems in our beloved State. The Christian Action League of North Carolina is the major enemy of the proliferation of alcohol and we are on the front line in the General Assembly trying to defeat this legislation.
- CAL has assisted 13 townships and counties in preparing and executing strategy to defeat alcohol referendums since January, 2002. We provided free materials and counsel that were critical in minimizing the proliferation of alcohol in North Carolina.

F. Homosexuality

- Rev. Creech wrote an editorial that appeared in the nationwide Agape Press entitled "Thanks Be to God that Anne Graham Lotz Stood Up for Truth." During a recent address to about 500

women, Lotz called homosexuality one of several sins from which man needs to repent. She was ridiculed for this remark and Rev. Creech vigorously defended her position .

For A Better North Carolina,

Reverend Mark H. Creech
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Executive Director

Reverend Coy C.
President

Report to 2002 the Associations



BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: PARTNERS IN MISSIONS

The Baptist Hospital mission began in 1921 when our North Carolina Baptist founders stated, "We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Gold crosses that adorn the exterior of the hospital symbolize our historic and daily commitment to bring medical excellence and Christian compassion to those we are privileged to serve. This report will highlight our partnership with North Carolina Baptists in continuing the mission of healing.

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

Our mission at the School of Pastoral Care is *"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ."* This defines the spiritual essence of who we are and the meaning of what we do in caring for hurting people. We are very thankful to North Carolina Baptists for their gifts to the School through the Cooperative Missions Program. You are making a tremendous difference as our partner in life-changing ministries.

CareNet, Inc., our Department of Pastoral Counseling, is the largest faith-based counseling system in the nation. We continue to expand our services across North Carolina. The scope of this ministry is astounding: 27,000 hours of counseling per year at 21 locations. These include 4 regional centers (Winston-Salem, Greenville, Fayetteville, and Wilmington) and 17 strategically located satellites. The individual stories of emotional and spiritual healing, of broken families being restored, are even more telling.

The Center for Congregational Health celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2002. Dr. David Odom has been the Center's visionary leader from its beginning. The initial mission continues to guide this ministry of helping churches become healthier communities of faith. The Center is providing consultation to approximately 25 churches per month, and training to over 600 church leaders per year. The financial support of N.C. Baptists allows Baptist churches to receive initial consultation at no cost, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers needing financial assistance. Please call the Center for more information (336-716-0459).

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided ministry through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts in the past year. Every day chaplains can be found comforting bereaved families, praying for seriously ill patients, reading Scriptures to those who are afraid, offering comfort and extending hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Fifty-three students received supervision and training in 2001.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve its mission as a liaison between the Hospital and North Carolina Baptist churches. We welcome you to call Rev. Paul Mullen if you need assistance (336-716-3027). Many pastors call on behalf of church members who need a referral to the Medical Center or have concerns about medical bills because of financial need. Speakers can be requested to provide an overview of the Hospital and its ministries to church groups.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

It is a difficult burden to be physically sick and worried about how to pay for needed medical care. North Carolina Baptists extend the compassionate reach of missions to patients in financial need at Baptist Hospital through their gifts to the Mother's Day Offering. Those you have helped are deeply thankful for this gracious witness to the love of Jesus Christ, and they are drawn closer to Him. All of the funds are used for this purpose. **Thank you**, North Carolina Baptists, for giving \$568,808 to this ministry in 2001!

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Number 1 in Patient Satisfaction - Baptist Hospital was ranked #1 in the nation in patient satisfaction, according to Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores for the spring quarter of 2002. Press Ganey, the health care industry's top satisfaction measurement firm, ranked Baptist Hospital first among its peers.

New Brenner Children's Hospital Opens - The 11-story addition to the Hospital opened in April 2002. Six of the floors provide private rooms for all pediatric patients, state-of-the-art technology, family resource centers, a prayer room, and an enclosed playground on the roof. The tower also includes additional operating rooms and a spacious surgical family waiting room.

New Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Older Adults - Wake Forest University Baptist Behavioral Health, a subsidiary of Baptist Hospital and WFU Health Sciences, has opened the first residential program in the region devoted exclusively to treating chemical dependency problems among adults 55 and older. The comprehensive treatment program focuses on treating the whole person, encompassing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. ranks among "America's Best Hospitals" according to the July 2002 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*.

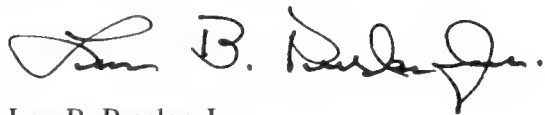
WFUBMC: What's in a Name? The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. is one of two component institutions of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The partnership also includes Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS), consisting of WFU Physicians, the School of Medicine, and other entities. Baptist Hospital and WFUHS are separate but interdependent institutions, each with its own Board of Trustees. The combined institutions, WFUBMC, are overseen by a joint Board of Trustees which facilitates the effective and collaborative pursuit of its mission: excellent patient care, medical education and research, and community service.

Information and Appointments - For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We at Baptist Hospital are very thankful to be partners in the mission of healing with North Carolina Baptists. Our roots are in this partnership, beginning as a mission enterprise of the Baptist State Convention in 1921. This report also highlights the ongoing nature of the relationship with the School of Pastoral Care. We have a sacred privilege and responsibility to serve Jesus Christ by serving people in need at Baptist Hospital. We thank you for being our partner in these "ministries of growth, hope, and healing." We ask that you pray for our patients, their families, and our staff as we seek to serve our Lord each day at the Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.

President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.

2001 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

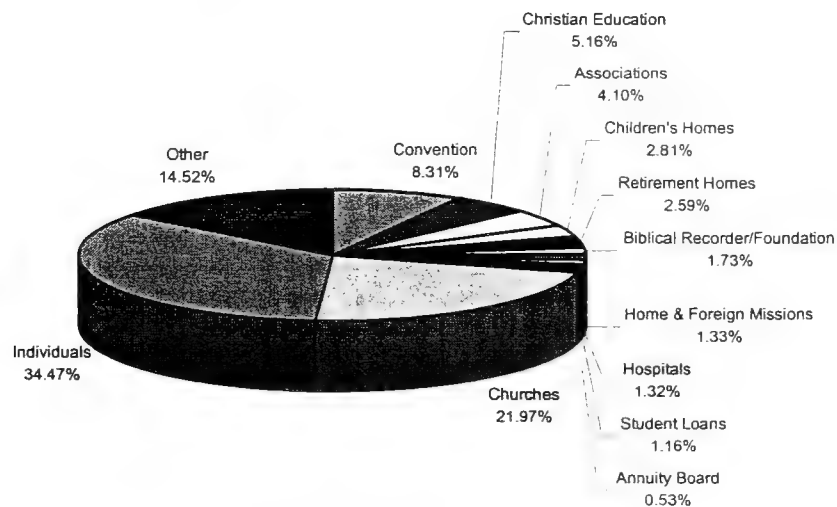
During 2001, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 33 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$4.8 million and received \$9.4 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 162 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$2.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of \$16.5 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of \$10.1 million recorded in 2000.

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Despite national and international market volatility, national grief, and a wartime political climate during this past year new opportunities and services were launched in an ongoing effort to fulfill the guiding principle of *Serving Those Who Serve the Lord*. To be specific, all the investment funds were successfully restructured to a registered mutual fund environment, called AB Funds Trust. As a result, new retail investment products, under the theme "New Investment Opportunities...*Absolutely!*," were introduced. For the first time ministers, church employees, and annuitants may now open IRA and Personal Investment Accounts. With the passage of the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) retirement options have been enhanced dramatically including the ability to roll over other retirement funds from a secular employer.

Furthermore, new medical and disability insurance products were rolled out with the commitment to provide several options to meet increasingly different needs of our populace. Endorsed carriers, such as long-term care and property/casualty, continued to attract interest from our churches and church employees.

The Endowment and Relief Ministry was restructured to provide enhanced financial assistance to the needy, retired ministers and their widows. Funds available to assist these persons increased as well as the number of people who applied for this assistance.

The 2002 SBC Compensation Study with 35 state conventions participating has been conducted and the results are now accessible on the internet. For the first time church leaders are now able to do a customized study on the web. We are very excited about this useful tool as one valuable resource in assisting churches leaders as they study to determine what is a fair and equitable compensation for those who serve the Lord in our churches.

As of June 30, 2002, 61% (2,314) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan. A record number of 2,851 were receiving benefits and 388 being assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant ministry.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extension 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org or call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

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Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Jason and Lacey know real hope after facing hopeless times. Jason and Lacey lived with their mother in Hilo, Hawaii. It sounds wonderful, but for the brother and sister it was far from paradise. Their mother's lifestyle constantly placed the two children in danger. Jason was given the blame by his mother for many of the things that had gone wrong in her life.

"She didn't care about anything," Jason recalls now. "I was just there. She didn't care for me."

Jason drew violent pictures. He had difficulty relating to people and was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder. Soon his secrets were exposed. He had suffered severe physical and emotional abuse by his mother. Drugs had been a pervasive part of his life. He had begun using drugs when he was six years old.

Once Jason's grandparents discovered the truth about Jason's life, they sought immediate help for their grandson and found the help they desperately needed from Baptist Children's Homes. In August 1996, he began his new life at Broyhill Home in Clyde.

Lacey still lived with her mother. The two moved to Arizona. Lacey spent her days in the cab of her mother's boyfriend's semi-truck. She was not attending school. After Jason left, Lacey became the focus of her mother's abuse.

Again, the siblings' grandparents intervened. The couple began to think about bringing Lacey to live at Broyhill Home. In 1997, 14 months after Jason, she was safe. Lacey and Jason's grandparents credit Baptist Children's Homes for giving their grandchildren real hope.

Lacey says she plans to be a lawyer. She likes fighting for the underdog. Jason has plans for a career in broadcast journalism. Since coming to Broyhill Home, both children have accepted Christ as their Savior.

"Things began to turn around for me when I became a Christian. I began to read my Bible," Jason says. "I learned a lot of the answers to my questions. I felt like I could be more open."

"Jason might be in an institution, in prison or dead. We try not to even think of what Lacey's life would be like today," the grandparents say. "They've been saved!"

Jason and Lacey are two of the 1,855 children cared for by BCH last year.

Baptist Children's Homes grieves with Nation after September 11th attack – BCH president calls for acts of kindness. In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, BCH president Dr. Michael C. Blackwell stepped to the forefront to calm and encourage children and families. As the nation reeled from the attack, Blackwell immediately offered words of comfort to families through news media from Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama and across North Carolina. He urged Americans to "show kindness" to one another and exhibit "acts of goodness" toward their communities in response to the violence exhibited against our country. BCH children and staff united to provide needed items for those serving at Ground Zero and gave blood for the victims. Despite the physical and emotional effects of September 11, BCH's mission has remained unwavering. "America's spirit has not been lost, and our spirit of helping and healing is stronger than ever," said Blackwell.

BCH faces financial shortfalls due to 9/11, North Carolina Baptists rise to meet financial challenges. As charities across America began to feel the financial effects of 9/11, Baptist Children's Homes also faced shortfalls. Experiencing nearly a 60 percent drop in annual fund giving, President Michael C. Blackwell made an urgent plea to friends and supporters. After an intense effort including personal letters and phone calls, North Carolina Baptists responded, rallying to close the gap by year-end. "I knew North Carolina Baptists would not forget their children," said Blackwell. North Carolina Baptists also stepped forward by meeting the 2001 Thanksgiving Offering Goal. Today, the effects of 9/11 are still being felt. "It is important for North Carolina Baptists to not grow weary in their efforts to help our boys and girls," said Blackwell. "Our churches are our lifeline. It is because of them we are able to touch the lives of so many."

New BCH strategic plan unveiled. *Quest: A Journey of Excellence* is the title of the new strategic plan that will guide Baptist Children's Homes through 2004. The major goals of the new plan include recruiting and retaining competent qualified staff; training staff; and maintaining and enhancing BCH facilities.

BCH Trustees approve allocation for Information Technology. Trustees made way for sweeping technological improvements throughout BCH. A new Information Technology Center was created and work began to connect all ministry sites digitally. "Every step we take is designed to enable us to better serve children and families... today and in the future," said Dr. Michael C. Blackwell.

Gastonia couple honored at Nolen Building dedication. William "Red" and Mabel Nolen were recognized for their contribution at the dedication of the newly renovated and renamed Nolen Administration building at Mills Home on January 22, 2002. A gift from the Gastonia couple, who have long-time ties to BCH, made the necessary renovations possible.

BCH's Developmental Disabilities Ministry dedicates two new group homes. More than 200 Baptist leaders, Baptist Children's Homes administrators, staff, and guests were in attendance for the historic dedication of BCH's first, new group homes for developmentally disabled adults on March 26, 2002. The two homes, Davis House and Hinkle House, joined Baptist House at Bethabara located in Winston-Salem. Plans to break ground on the next DDM group home to be located in Sanford are scheduled for 2003. Baptist State Convention President Dr. Jerry Pereira, who spoke at the dedication, predicted "the Lord is going to do great and mighty things" through this ministry.

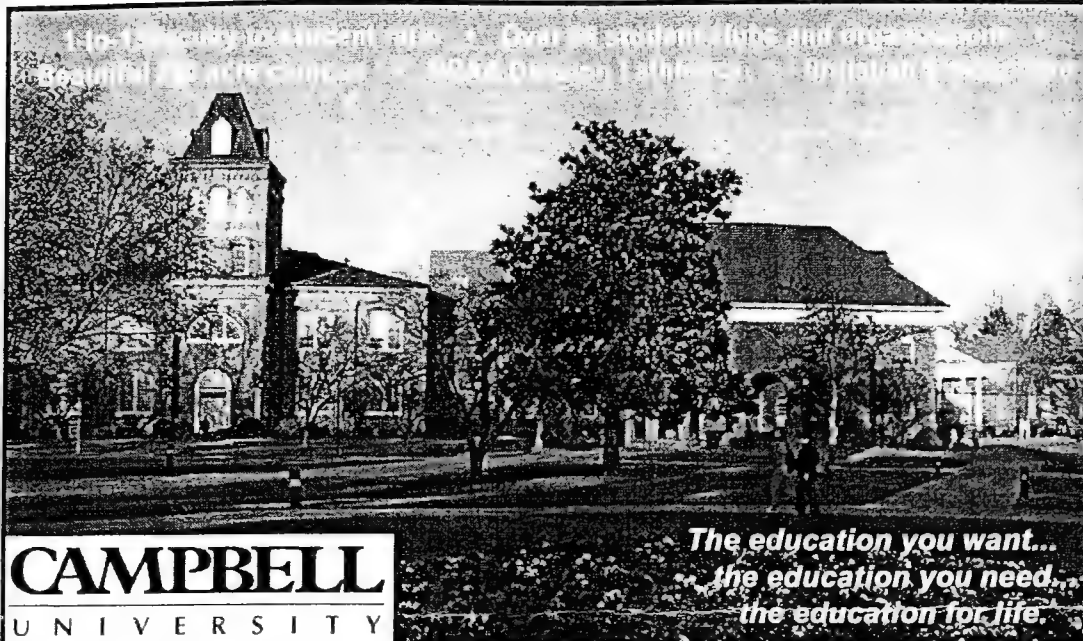
A Place for Miracles published. In March 2002, BCH president Michael C. Blackwell introduced his second book. More than three years in the making, *A Place for Miracles* is a mixture of history, autobiography, inspiration, and vision. The book received the 2002 Baptist Communicators Association Design Award for Best Book Design.

New Millennium Families: A Study Guide introduced to North Carolina Baptists. In September 2001, the study guide to BCH president Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* was introduced at the first of two statewide Deacon-Spouse Training Events in Bryson City. A total of more than 200 deacons and their spouses attended the two conferences. Blackwell and study guide creator Gaylin Huff led group sessions regarding the changing make-up of families as discussed in the book and its effects on the church in North Carolina. *A Study Guide*, to be used with *New Millennium Families*, helps teachers prepare for and guide groups of adults using four different formats: 7 Week Study, Youth Parent Study, Single Parent Study, and Family Ministry Study.

Baptists called to join "Chain of Prayer" for North Carolina's children and families. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell has asked for all North Carolina Baptists to participate in the "Chain of Prayer." Begun in February 2002 at the annual Baptist Men's conference in Charlotte, this physical chain is made up of thin strips of paper containing the handwritten prayers of NC Baptist men, women and children. Throughout the year, these strips are being gathered by BCH representatives and formed together into a chain that will be displayed at this year's Baptist State Convention in November. With children and families facing many different sources of crisis in today's world, Dr. Blackwell believes this statewide unification of prayers for children and families in our state will yield great results.

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables us to fulfill our mission statement – "helping hurting children....healing broken families" – through 14 locations throughout the state. **Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support.**

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It has been shown that graduates of church related institutions invest themselves in their churches and communities in greater numbers than graduates of public institutions of higher education. As a result of the support of North Carolina Baptists, the future looks bright for our churches and communities.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last year made it possible for six hundred twelve (612) members from four hundred forty-five (445) convention related churches to receive special scholarship assistance to attend our five affiliated institutions of Christian higher education. Seventy-four (74) out of eighty (80) associations were represented in this group.

Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance provided by generous North Carolina Baptists. One of those recipients lost his father unexpectedly during his freshman year in college. Scholarship assistance from North Carolina Baptists made it possible for him to continue with his studies. He graduated this year.

Another scholarship recipient is the mother of six children. In spite of the pressures to be a good mother, she pursued her studies while holding down a full-time job. She, too, graduated this year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is employed by a North Carolina Baptist institution.

These are a few of those who are benefiting from your generous support of our Baptist State Convention. In the coming years, we will benefit from their contributions to our life as North Carolina Baptists.



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Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Antioch – Began Phase One of building program.

East Taylorsville – Rev. Gary Jennings retired after 30 years of service. He and wife Linda were faithful servants at East Taylorsville Baptist Church and are truly missed. A team of ten members were involved in a construction project in Uruguay. Host missionaries are Bill and Heather Lawrence.

Linney's Grove – Church has completed the addition to sanctuary, and is now using the new facilities.

Millersville – Eddie Jolly was ordained into the ministry and elected Associate Pastor in 2002. Scott Hollar was ordained into the deacon ministry in 2002.

Mt. Herman – Began AWANA program.

Pleasant Hill – Celebrated our church's 150th Anniversary.

Taylorsville First – Dedication of Christian Life Center and held a 150 Years Celebration.

Three Forks – Dedication of walking track and picnic shelters in May, 2002.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk



Historical Table

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
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1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E.V. Bumgarner	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H.L. Good	E.C. Shoe	W.C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E.C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E.C. Shoe	A.C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A.E. Watts	A.C. Payne	H.L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A.B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W.W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W.O. Johnson	E.V. Bumgarner	W.W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J.A. Icenhour	A.B. Bumgarner	J.L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J.L. Wells	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J.R. Lail	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R.L. Dixon	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H.L. Good	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W.O. Warren	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I.V. Couch	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H.M. Carter	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W.O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	Millersville			
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	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Flornie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Flornie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A.D. Lindsey	Flornie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A.D. Lindsey	Flornie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim	Grady Kerley	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville			
1976	Mt. Herman	Ray Shumate	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
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1982	Oxford Memorial	Gary Jennings	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Mt. Olive			
1983	Millersville	Robert Boggs	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Little River			
1984	Antioch	Cecil Lovelace	James Pierce	Eline Lackey
	Three Forks			
1985	Bethlehem	James Pierce	James Pierce	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove			
1986	Smyrna	Ken Walters	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman			
	Stony Point			
1987	Macedonia	Keith Childers	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville			
	Oxford Memorial			
1988	Poplar Springs	Dwight Austin	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite			
	Grace			
1989	Millersville	Michael Blevins	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Mountain Ridge			
1990	Three Forks	Terry Ashe	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist			
	Mt. Olive			
1991	Lebanon	C. David Boan	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch			
	Pilgrim			
	Antioch			
1992	Little River	David Horton	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove			
	Bethlehem			
1993	Mt. Herman	Larry Blakley	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point			
	Smyrna			
1994	Grace	Michael Blevins	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia			
	East Taylorsville			
1995	Hiddenite	Larry Allen	Joe McDuffie	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Millersville			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah
1999	Little River.....William Wease.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove
	Bethlehem
2000	Millersville.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Smyrna.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Hiddenite.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
2001	Mountain Ridge.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Three Forks.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Macedonia.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Pleasant Hill.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
2002	Lebanon.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Sulphur Springs.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt Olive.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	East Taylorsville..... Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble

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Member/Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2002																									
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Director of Association Missions Rev. William O. Goble, Jr. Address P O Box 875 Taylorville, NC 28681		County	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Resident Members	TOTAL BAPTISMS	Baptisms Under 6	Baptisms Ages 6-8	Baptisms Ages 9-11	Baptisms Ages 12-17	Baptisms Ages 18-29	Baptisms Ages 30-59	Baptisms 60 & Up	Other Additions	New Member Training	Year Organized	Year pastor Came	Location (A-J)	AM Worship Service Attendance	Church-Type Missions Started	Ch.-Type Mis. Oper.	Lost/Unchur- ed (Y/N)	Assoc. Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	Interces. Prayer (Y/N)
Churches		Pastors & Addresses (include Zip Code)																							
Antioch	Dr. Jack Carter	7500 NC Hwy 127	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	560	476	7	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	4	4	1826		A	220	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Beulahem				Alexander	1,017	992	26	0	2	6	4	1	12	1	15	14	1871	2000	G	401	0	0 Y	N	Y	
Beulah	Rev. Stephen Daughart	181 Airport Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander																					
Calvary	Rev. Craig Hamlin	P O Box 608	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	286	293	6	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	2	0	1948	1998	C	339	0	0 Y	N	Y	
East Taylorville	Rev. Jason Guier	Taylorville, NC 28681		Alexander	1,481	1,351	20	0	3	5	5	5	2	0	41	10	1824	1998	C	464	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Hiddenite	2083 Goble Road	Hiddenite, NC 28636		Alexander	300	206	6	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1815	2000	C	102	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Hiwong Mission	Toua Khang	2110 Greentree Road	Statesville, NC 28625	Alexander	15		6	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	1898		C	20	0	0			
Lebanon	Rev. Keith Childers	3663 Robinette Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	203	133	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1894	1985	A	128	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Linney & Grove	Rev. William Wade	158 Jennings Road	Statesville, NC 28625	Alexander	215	199	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1895	1991	A	105	0	0 Y	Y	N	
Little River	Rev. Jeff Chapman	310 Old Landfill Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	369	358	5	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	1782	1997	A	182	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Macedonia	Rev. Dan Spears	63 Macedonia Church Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	163	163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1840	2000	A	150	0	1 Y	Y	Y	
Miller'sville	Rev. Bill Ornan	347 Macedonia Church Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	805	723	15	0	5	3	0	4	3	0	6	6	0	1823	1997	B	340	0	0 Y	Y	Y
Mountain Ridge				Alexander																					
Mt. Herman	Rev. Paul Schronce	4098 US 64NC 90 Hwy West	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	284	221	24	0	3	6	4	3	7	1	8	0	1812	1999	A	150	0	0 Y	N	Y	
Mt. Olive	Rev. Donna W. Chapman	277 Archie Mountain Lane	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	147	93	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1865	2000	A	55	0	0 N	Y	N
Pilgrim	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney	630 Ramie Mitchell Road	Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	210	166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1837	1991	A	125	0	0 N	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Darren Lambert	87 Pleasant Hill Church Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	312	284	8	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	4	0	1852	1987	A	132	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
Smyrna	Rev. Michael Barber	22 Woodfield Drive	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	226	196	6	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	6	0	1923	1987	A	120	0	0 N	Y	N	
Stony Point	Rev. Brent H. Kasey	416 York Road	Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	618	542	7	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	7	0	1809	1999	C	228	0	0 Y	Y		
Suphur Springs	Rev. Steve Paris	82 Patterson Road	Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	344	344	13	0	3	3	4	2	1	0	7	0	1867	1994	A	173	0	0 N	N	Y	
Taylorville First	Rev. Roger D. Underwood	P O Box 305	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	598	399	6	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	9	0	1851	1998	C	198	0	0 Y	Y	N	
Three Forks	Rev. Michael Runion	28 Chapman Hill Road	Taylorville, NC 28681	Alexander	703	603	14	0	3	3	3	3	2	0	5	0	1857	1998	A	340	0	0 Y	Y	Y	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					8,893	7,714	180	0	28	43	39	25	41	6	128	33				3,948	0	1			
					8,960	7,491	171	0	34	29	38	31	34	5	172	85				4,047	0	1			

Miscellaneous Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2002																			38	39a	39b	39c	39d	39e	40a	40b	40c	40d	40e	41a	41b	41c	41d	42
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Director of Association Missions Rev. William O. Gobie, Jr. Address P.O. Box 875 Taylorsville, NC 28681		County	Number of Annals Needed	Liturgical Services	Traditional Services	Praise & Worship Services	Blended Services	Age Targeted Service	Deaf Ministry	Blind/Visually Impaired Member	Special Education Ministry	Literacy Mission Ministry	Mobility Challenged Members	Sunday Night Discipleship Training Class	Small Groups (Other than Sunday School)	Spiritual Gift Discovery	New Member Class	Vocational Ministry Response														
Churches	Pastors & Addresses (include Zip Code)																																	
Antioch	Dr. Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	25	0	3	0	0	0	0	1			Y		Y		AYCP		YCP	0														
Bethlehem		Alexander	1	0			1	1	1	0						AYCP	A	A	AC	3														
Bauhan	Rev. Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander				3			0	0																								
Calvary	Rev. Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1	0	3			0	0	0																								
East Taylorsville	Rev. Craig Hamlin P.O. Box 906 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	7	0			0	0	2	0			Y				AYCP	A	A	3														
Hiddenite	Rev. Jason Guyer 2083 Gobie Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	2	0	0		0	0	3	2				Y		AY	YC			0														
Hmong Mission	Toua Khang 2110 Greenbriar Road Slateville, NC 28625	Alexander	0	0	0		0	0	0	0																								
Lebanon	Rev. Keith Childers 3663 Robinette Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	4	0	0		0	0	3	0																								
Linney's Grove	Rev. William Waase 158 Jennings Road Slateville, NC 28625	Alexander	10	0	2		0	0	0	0										1														
Little River	Rev. Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	4	0	2		0	0	0	1	Y					AYCP				0														
Macedonia	Rev. Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	25	0	2		0	0	0	0																								
Millersville	Rev. Bill Oran 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1	0	3		0	0	0	0									A	1														
Mountain Ridge	Rev. Paul Schronce 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy West Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander																																
Mt. Herman	Rev. Dons W. Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	10	0	3		0	0	0	0					Y		YCP	AYC																
Mt. Olive	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	20	0	1		0	0	0	0																								
Pilgrim	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	3	0	2		0	0	0	0																								
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Darren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	5	0	3		0	0	0	0										0														
Smyrna	Rev. Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	10	0	3		0	0	0	0																								
Stony Point	Rev. Brent H. Kassey 416 York Road Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	6	0	2		0	0	0	1							AYC	AYC		0														
Sulphur Springs	Rev. Steve Parks 82 Patterson Road Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	15	0	3		0	0	0	0							YCP			0														
Taylorsville First	Rev. Roger D. Underwood P.O. Box 305 Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	12	1	0		0	0	0	0										0														
Three Forks	Rev. Michael Rulon 28 Chapman Mill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	2	0	3		0	0	0	1						AYCP				0														
TOTALS				163	1	35	1	1	9	6						8				0														
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS				207	2	32	1	1	5	6						0																		

Bible Study/Sunday School Info. Year Ending 08/31/2002				15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18														
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Association Sunday School Director Rev. Paul Schronce Address P.O. 697 Taylorsville NC 28681		TOTAL ENROLLMENT		Preschool Birth-5		Children 6-11		Youth 12-17		Adults 18-24		Adults 25-34		Adults 35-54		Adults 55-64		Adults 55-Up		Gen. Officers		Other Bible Study		SS Avg. Weekly Attend.		SS Not Cong. Members		Vacation Bible School	
Churches		Sunday School Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)																													
Antioch		Mr. Al Crouse 3615 Wandering Ln NE, Hickory, NC 28601		268		25		33		35		10		30		75		25		32		3		0		172		0		236	
Bethlehem		Mr. Gary Pierce 75 Greenfield Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7919		697		40		80		116		46		46		158		112		80		6		13		350		42		370	
Beulah																															
Calvary		Mr. Keith Bowman P.O. Box 80, Scotts, NC 28699		245		44		35		24		8		30		45		32		27		0		0		164		17		185	
East Taylorsville		Mr. Matt Johnson P.O. Box 264, Hiddenite, NC 28636		642		67		75		94		17		80		126		138		30		7		8		420		25		50	
Hiddenite		Mr. Thomas R. Warren 68 Waugh Lane Hiddenite, NC 28636		189		19		25		37		7		13		29		28		26		5		0		99		15		119	
Hmong Mission				20		3		6		4		0		0		7				0		0		0		0		0		0	
Lebanon		Mr. Danny Brown 1110 Liberty Grove Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681		85		15		15		11		6		13		8		10		7		0		0		82		0		57	
Linney's Grove		Mr. Phil Millisaps 4304 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636-5180		115		8		14		18		10		6		38		17		2		2		0		92		11		90	
Little River		Mr. Jerry Hubbard 35 Jay Jenkins Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681		175		17		14		13		11		16		67		17		18		2		0		123		12		110	
Macedonia		Mr. Tony Fox 934 County Home Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681		94		3		5		4		6		7		16		30		20		3		0		41		0		89	
Millersville		Mr. Darrell Pierce 240 Earl leathour Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681		365		57		60		33		24		36		93		49		13		0		0		223		5		287	
Mountain Ridge																															
Mt. Herman		Mr. Bob Brewington 445 Lynell Street NE, Taylorsville, NC 28681		175		14		29		21		6		12		25		27		36		5		0		135		0		104	
Mt. Olive		Mr. Larry Herman 1736 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681		37		0		3		6		1		4		8		5		10		0		0		26		0		49	
Pilgrim		Mr. Junior Mitchell 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681		92		11		11		9		8		9		10		14		15		5		0		78		6		88	
Pleasant Hill		None		131		9		15		17		15		17		21		16		20		1		0		97		22		106	
Smyrna		Mr. Ken Lambert 2625 West View Acres, Hickory, NC 28601		89		11		12		14		8		15		9		10		5		5		0		63		0		92	
Stony Point		Mr. Tim Holman 116 Cheatham Ford Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636		335		33		25		35		34		50		46		60		42		10		0		200		0		331	
Sulphur Springs		Mr. Roy Durnite 361 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636		190		25		21		20		40		15		16		27		20		6		0		145		20		181	
Taylorsville First		Mr. Ben Hines 919 Zeb Watts Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681		239		24		32		16		12		17		73		38		25		2		0		133		10		215	
Three Forks		Mr. Bob Phillips P.O. Box 294, Taylorsville, NC 28681		338		46		27		23		6		63		44		70		53		6		0		248		0		219	
		TOTALS		4,521		471		537		550		275		479		914		725		481		68		21		2,891		185		2,978	
		PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		4,495		535		558		486		258		464		811		678		576		67		62		2,896		297		2,867	

Discipleship Training Information Year Ending 08/31/2002		19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	Add
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Discipleship Training Director Mrs. Cathy Hartness Address PO Box 495 Stony Point, NC 28678	TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING	Ongoing Presch. B-5	Ongoing Child. 6-11	Ongoing Youth 12-17	Ongoing Adult 18 & Up	Discipleship Training Gen. Officers	TOTAL SHORT- TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING	Short-Term B-5	Short-Term 6-11	Short-Term 12-17	Short-Term Adults & Gen. Off.	TOTAL DT ENROLLMENT/ PARTICIPATION
Churches	Discipleship Training Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)												
Antioch	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mr. Mark North 45 North Ridge Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	71	5	25	40	0	1	82	0	0	0	82	153
Beulah													
Calvary	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	None	64	0	0	0	60	4	35	0	0	0	35	99
Hiddenite	Rev. Jason Guyer 2083 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hmong Mission		4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lebanon	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Linney's Grove	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	Mr. Bill McNeely 1425 Dover Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	80	4	14	14	45	3	0	0	0	0	0	80
Macedonia	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millersville	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Ridge													
Mt. Herman	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	18
Mt. Olive	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smyrna	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stony Point	None	89	0	0	7	80	2	49	0	0	47	2	138
Sulphur Springs	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville First	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three Forks	Mr. Philip Maltba 31 Cedar Ridge Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681	196	27	18	20	128	3	12	0	0	0	12	208
TOTALS		504	36	57	81	317	13	196	0	0	47	149	700
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		690	36	156	160	319	19	538	0	198	122	218	1,228

Music Ministry Information Year Ending 08/31/2002									
Association: Alexander	Associational Music Director Mrs. Sheila Austin Address 131 Ginger Creek Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681-7807	TOTAL MUSIC MINISTRY	21	21a Preschool 3-5 yrs.	21b Children 6-11 yrs.	21c Youth 12-17 yrs.	21d Adult Choirs 18 & Up	21e Other Music Groups	
Churches	Music Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)								
Antioch	Mrs. Sheila Austin, 131 Ginger Creek Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7807	76	14	14	0	27	21		
Bethlehem	Rev. Jimmy Preachers, 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	111	4	34	16	54	3		
Beulah							62		
Calvary	Mr. Kurt Dyson, 90 Edgewood Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681	246	25	35	21	103	20		
East Taylorsville	Mr. Rodney Boutwell, P.O. Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681	157	22	30	15	70	31		
Hiddenite	Mrs. Carol McLean, 871 Center Ch Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	78	10	25	14	25	0		
Hmong Mission		0	0	0	0	0	0		
Lebanon	Mr. Richard Bumgarner, 215 Mt. Olive Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	74	2	9	3	29	0		
Linney's Grove	Mr. Danny R. Millsaps, 8114 Vashti Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636-4155	45	3	12	0	30	0		
Little River	Mr. David R. Mecimore, 58 Fairgrounds Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	117	3	13	15	74	12		
Macedonia	Mr. Robert Cook, 325 7th Street SW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	28	2	4	2	20	0		
Millersville	Mr. Tom Seamone, 125 Winterhaven, Taylorsville, NC 28681	137	25	30	20	62	0		
Mountain Ridge									
Mt. Herman	Mr. Louis Robinson, 533 18th Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601-4642	47	0	14	1	28	4		
Mt. Olive	Mr. Steve Childers, 7972 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	32	1	4	10	17	0		
Pilgrim	Mr. Junior Mitchell, 75 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	47	5	6	10	26	0		
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Elbert Harrington, 181 Fred Harrington Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	74	10	27	8	29	0		
Smyrna	Mr. Barry Mullis, 4581 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	75	5	10	10	32	18		
Stony Point	Mrs. Shirley Lackey, 259 Harris Bridge Rd, Stony Point, NC 28678	128	6	31	11	50	30		
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Kim Davis, 921 Sharpe Mill Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	79	15	14	10	35	5		
Taylorsville First	Mr. Ron Vannoy, 205 Valley Road, Hickory, NC 28601	85	10	25	0	50	0		
Three Forks	Mr. Escar Childers, 1219 Gil Childers Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	133	27	28	23	55	0		
TOTALS		1,769	189	365	189	816	210		
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		1,764	164	325	243	806	226		

Missions Involvement/Education (includes WMU & Brotherhood) Year Ending 08/31/2002		22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Churches	Associational WMU Director and Address Mrs Linda McLean, 877 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636 Associational Brotherhood Director and Address Mr Don Austin, 64 Jenkins-Moose Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	MISSION PROJECTS PART.	Local Community	State/National	US/Canada	International	TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT				WMU				BROTHERHOOD				Other Missions Education
							Mission Friends B-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	WMU Leadership Team	On Going Mission Involvement	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	Mission Action Groups			
WMU Director & Addresses (include Zip Code) / Brotherhood Directors & Addresses																			
Antioch	Mrs Viva Cline, 858 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7938	84	28	44	12	0	95	10	10	12	51	12	0	31	11	10	10	0	0
	Mr. Kyle Hertzler, 3 Silver Fox Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
Bethlehem	Mrs. Wanda Ledford, 387 Whitson Hill Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-9710	152	50	50	50	2	41	6	10	8	15	2		65	25	0	40	0	0
	Mr. Ed Jacobs, 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
Beulah	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	Mrs Armin Chapman, 650 Old Winesboro Rd Ext, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	Mr. Bill Kirby, 125 Little Country Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	250	40	0	200	10	97	20	30	0	45	2	0	85	0	0	85	0	0
Hiddenite	Mrs Sandra T. Marlowe, 6857 Old Vashie Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636																		
	Mr. Lee Sindard, 94 Church Road Ext, Hiddenite, NC 28636	50	14	14	13	9	24	0	0	0	22	2		25	0	1	0	24	15
Among Mission	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	None/None	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limey's Grove	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	Mrs Sandra Lowrance, 7752 NC Hwy 16 N, Moravian Falls, NC 28654																		
	None	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	3	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Mrs Vilas Reese, 89 Luther Stafford Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	None	6	2	3	0	1	30	0	4	0	24	2		10	0	0	8	2	0
Millersville	Mrs Diane Fox, 82 S Bethlehem Terrace Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	Mr. Russell Greene, 161 Johnny Wike Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	65	50	0	15	0	95	23	12	10	45	5	0	68	18	0	30	20	0
Mountain Ridge																			
Mt. Herman	Mrs Florie Kerley, 1330 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	Mr. Kenneth Kerley, 1330 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	17	6	0	8	3	34	7	0	0	26	1		14	0	14	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	Mrs JuneAnn Forster, 75 Moore Mountain Rd, Moravian Falls, NC 28654																		
	Mr. Wade Forster, 75 Moore Mountain Rd, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	4	1		9	0	0	9	0	0
Pilgrim	Mrs Billie Carrigan, 8401 Cheatham Ford Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636																		
	None	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Mrs Lena Campbell, 315 Daniels Lumber Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	None	43	15	0	28	0	39	10	20	0	8	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Smyrna	Mrs Glennie Seizer, 395 Old Landfill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	None	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	6	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Stony Point	Mrs Cathy Harness, P O Box 495, Stony Point, NC 28678																		
	Mr. Steve Lackey, 259 Harris Bridge Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	58	25	0	30	3	64	12	15	0	35	2		51	15	0	36	0	0
Sulphur Springs	Mrs Sheila Parks, 82 Patterson Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636																		
	Mr. Anthony McLean, 188 Lackey Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	15	15	0	0	0	55	18	0	0	30	7	0	40	6	12	22	0	0
Taylorsville First	Mrs Elizabeth Davis, 75 Calaway Dr., Taylorsville, NC 28681																		
	Mr. Gary Watts, 45 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	30	10	0	20	0	70	14	8	15	30	3	0	34	9	5	20	0	0
Three Forks	None																		
	Mr. Roger Fox, 626 Roy Rogers Ct, Taylorsville, NC 28681	96	62	10	15	9	92	21	12	0	54	5	0	22	22	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		872	317	126	392	37	778	146	130	46	407	49	0	454	106	42	260	46	15
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		1,186	567	361	179	79	831	146	156	80	388	61	0	440	138	22	265	15	0

Financial Information Year Ending 08/31/2002													
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Association: Treasurer Mrs. Bobbi Glass Address PO Box 875 Taylorsville, NC 28681	26	27	28	Add 25 - 28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Churches	Treasurers & Addresses (Include Zip Code)	Undesignated Gifts	Designated Gifts	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Assoc. Missions	State Missions	Annie Armstrong	Lotte Moon	Other SBC Expenditures	Non-SBC Mission Expenditures	Congregational Debt
Antioch	Mrs. Norma Paige 805 Holler Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	236,191	158,087	10,028	404,306	12,535	6,008	2,225	4,437	5,454	3,273	12,810	0
Bethlehem	Mr. Tim Fox 20 N. Bethlehem Terrace Ln., Taylorsville, NC 28681	529,440	94,626	0	624,066	52,944	3,600	2,476	5,627	8,362	535	10,000	212,142
Baulah													
Calvary	Mr. Kevin F. Payne 2570 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	263,505	43,642	5,326	312,473	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,130	0
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Christa Wike P.O. Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681	642,272	78,270	14,468	735,010	13,875	9,340	7,065	9,074	10,790	19,150	36,470	105,078
Hiddenite	Mr. Gerald Goble 1979 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	182,186	26,064	0	208,250	5,900	5,752	120	975	1,850	1,577	5,582	91,864
Hmong Mission		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	Mrs. Mary Watts 2558 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	171,662	13,257	1,523	186,442	17,166	4,463	1,482	1,485	2,468	0	22,492	0
Linney's Grove	Mrs. Linda Hayes 1984 Jud Smith Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636-7123	71,086	45,201	4,962	121,249	750	1,750	0	623	1,213	0	0	114,000
Little River	Mrs. Esther White 3790 Robinette Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	218,713	48,236	369	267,318	22,863	6,142	428	373	405	1,081	45,949	0
Macedonia	Mr. Tony Fox 934 County Home Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	76,475	2,770	0	79,245	2,400	2,400	587	269	2,052	0	0	0
Millersville	Mrs. Brenda Hartness 46 Hard Rock Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	448,807	4,000	18,364	471,171	45,528	2,100	1,100	3,975	8,369	5,000	33,900	0
Mountain Ridge													
Mt. Herman	Mrs. Wanda Holtzclaw 519 Wilkesboro Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	210,167	25,341	0	235,508	25,500	6,120	1,999	4,760	6,088	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Barbara Herman 1736 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	36,302	200	0	36,502	112	0	0	397	937	0	0	0
Pilgrim	Mrs. Billie Carrigan 8401 Cheatham Ford Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	61,451	20,550	2,545	84,546	650	1,537	0	0	1,920	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Phyllis Teague 5097 NC Hwy 16 N, Taylorsville, NC 28681	176,758	25,097	44,063	245,918	16,025	3,400	1,329	2,985	3,869	4,273	9,115	0
Smyrna	Mrs. Kathy Bowles 1494 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	147,020	19,296	5,052	171,368	9,556	2,205	853	615	591	3,253	6,948	494,867
Stony Point	Lari Sluckey 111 Broomage Ln, Statesville, NC 28677	341,771	78,594	7,419	427,784	35,806	8,530	532	5,365	7,500	4,789	29,399	0
Sulphur Springs	Mr. Eric Walker 1692 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	186,946	13,296	4,750	204,992	26,460	3,200	1,143	2,001	4,373	0	1,619	41,422
Taylorsville, First	Mr. Kenneth Patterson 980 Jay Burke Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	368,403	336,600	15,793	720,796	16,989	4,189	2,218	525	2,006	10,462	31,918	980,000
Three Forks	Mr. Donnie Rogers 3004 US Hwy 6490 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	440,642	138,165	1,954	580,761	47,309	10,000	5,500	7,457	10,000	0	13,850	0
	TOTALS	4,809,797	1,171,292	136,616	6,117,705	352,368	80,736	29,057	50,943	78,267	53,393	334,182	2,039,373
	PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	4,412,176	1,827,425	117,667	6,357,268	340,396	71,251	27,359	45,258	84,359	37,204	221,712	1,194,938

Digest of Letters	County	1	3	4	15	16	18	Add 19 & 20	21	23	24	Add 26-28	Add 29-35	29	30	36
IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.																
Churches		Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Congregational Debt
Antioch																
550 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	560	7	4	268	172	236	0	76	95	31	404,306	46,742	12,535	6,008	0
Behlehem																
7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1,017	26	15	697	350	370	153	111	41	65	624,086	83,544	52,944	3,600	212,142
Beulah																
111 Marsh Road NE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander															
Calvary																
131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	296	8	2	245	164	185	0	246	0	0	312,473	74,130	0	0	0
East Taylorsville																
246 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1,481	20	41	642	420	50	99	157	97	85	735,010	105,764	13,875	9,340	105,078
Hiddenite																
250 Hiddenite Church Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	300	6	0	189	99	119	0	78	24	25	208,250	21,756	5,900	5,752	91,864
Himong Mission																
250 Hiddenite Church Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	20	8	0	20	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon																
187 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	203	2	3	85	82	57	0	74	0	0	186,442	49,556	17,166	4,463	0
Limney's Grove																
6160 Suphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	215	1	3	115	92	90	45	0	0	0	121,249	4,336	750	1,750	114,000
Little River																
2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	369	5	0	175	123	110	80	117	17	0	267,318	77,241	22,963	6,142	0
Macedonia																
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	163	0	0	84	41	89	0	28	30	10	79,245	7,708	2,400	2,400	0
Millersville																
130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	805	15	6	365	223	287	0	137	95	68	471,171	99,992	45,528	2,100	0
Mountain Ridge																
47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander															
Mt. Herman																
3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	284	24	8	175	135	104	18	47	34	14	235,508	44,467	25,500	6,120	0
Mt. Olive																
210 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	147	4	0	37	26	49	0	32	5	9	36,502	1,446	112	0	0
Pilgrim																
865 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	210	0	6	92	78	88	0	47	8	0	84,546	4,107	650	1,537	0
Pleasant Hill																
31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	312	8	4	131	97	106	0	74	39	0	245,918	40,996	16,025	3,400	0
Smyrna																
6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	226	6	6	89	63	92	0	75	12	0	171,365	24,021	9,558	2,205	484,987
Story Point																
231 Runtan Park Road, Story Point, NC 28678	Alexander	618	7	7	335	200	331	225	128	64	51	421,784	91,921	35,806	8,530	0
Suphur Springs																
116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	344	13	7	190	145	181	0	79	55	40	204,992	38,796	26,460	3,200	41,422
Taylorsville First																
405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	598	6	9	239	133	215	0	85	70	34	720,795	88,307	16,989	4,189	980,000
Three Forks																
4685 Three Forks Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	703	14	5	338	248	219	208	133	92	22	580,761	94,116	47,309	10,000	0
TOTALS		8,871	180	126	4,521	2,891	2,978	832	1,724	778	454	6,117,705	978,946	352,368	80,736	2,039,373
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,960	171	172	4,495	2,896	2,867	1,228	1,764	831	440	6,357,268	823,579	340,996	71,261	1,194,938

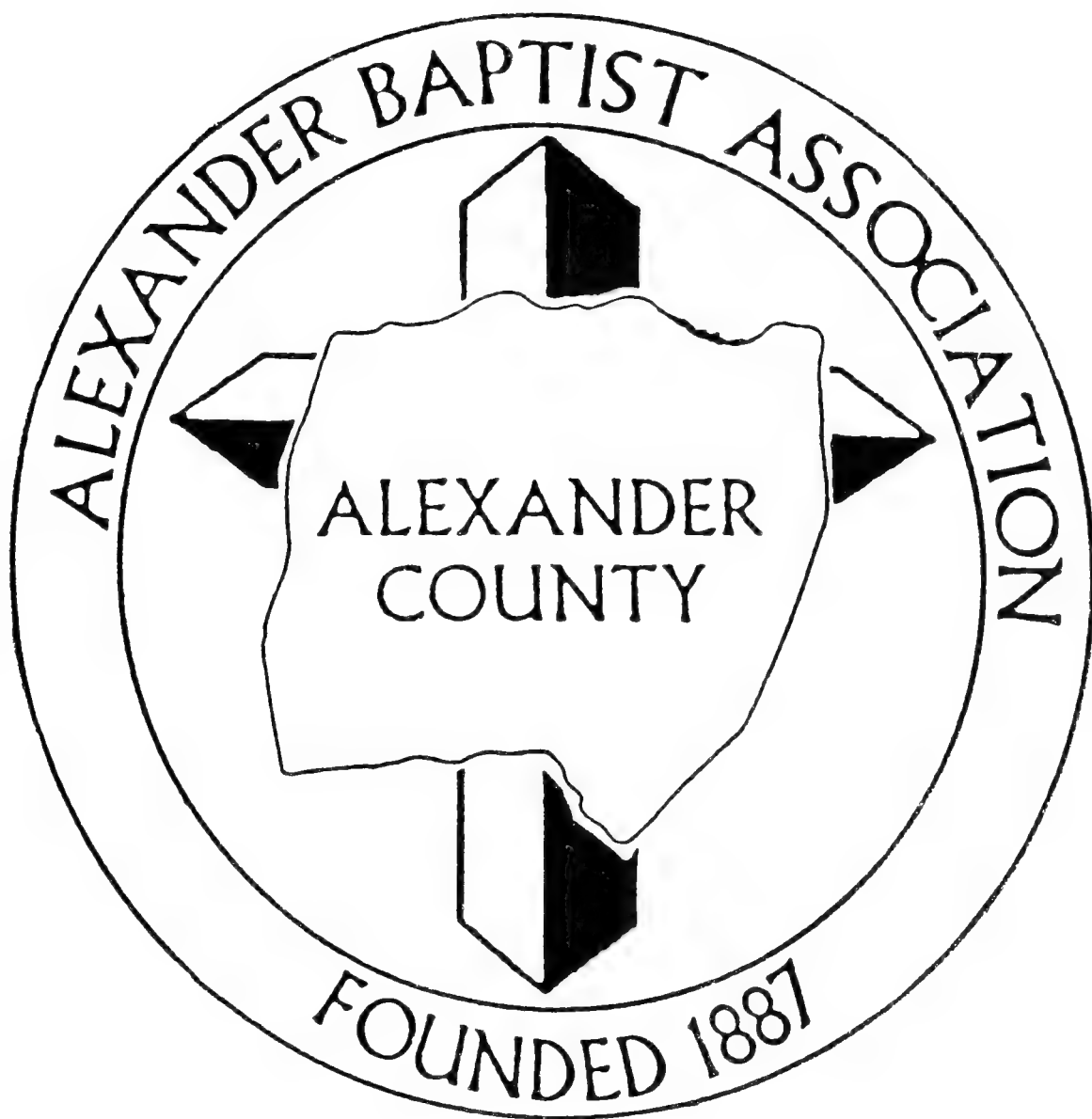
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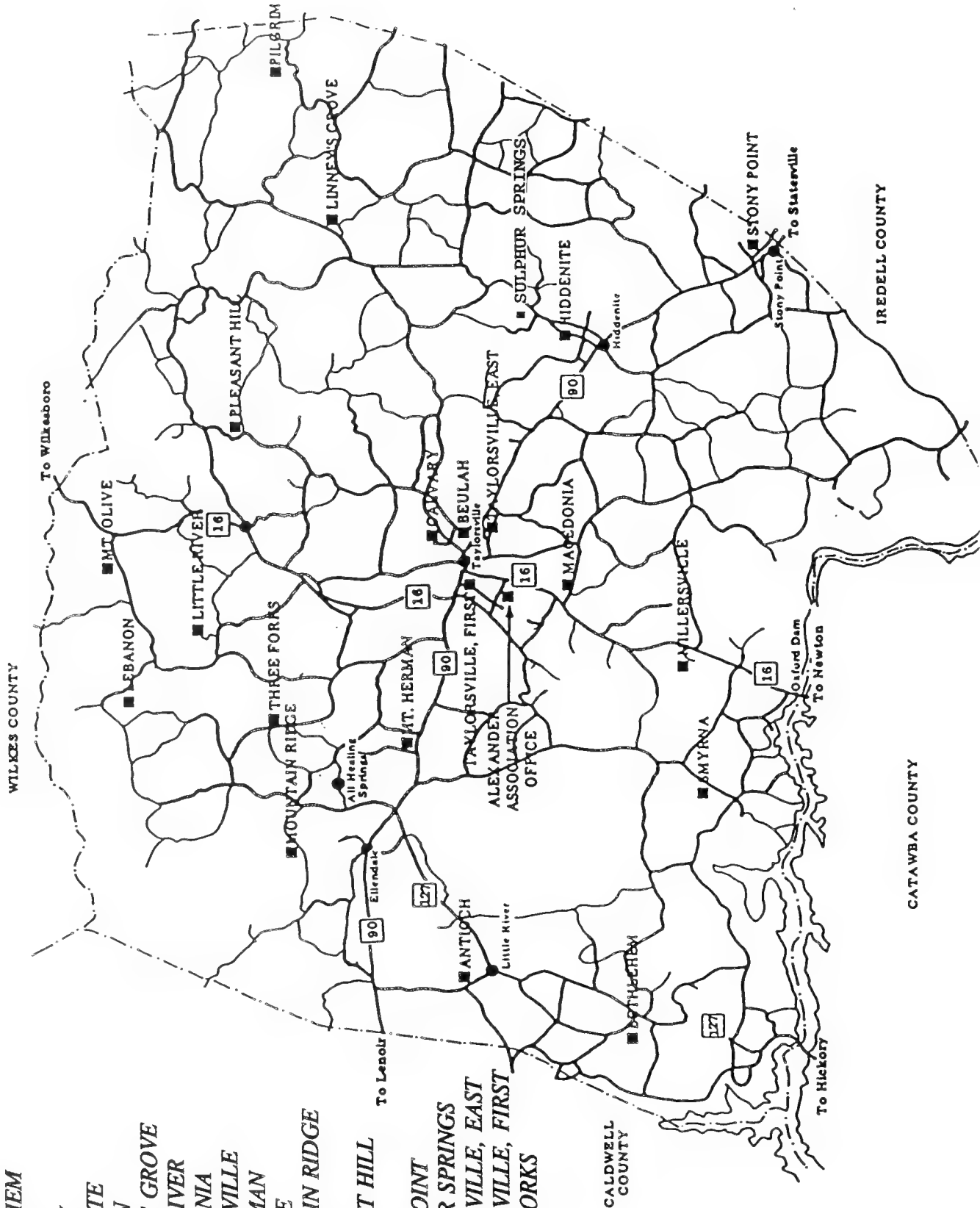
(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...Acts 1:8)

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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

- ANTIOCH
- BETHLEHEM
- BEULAH
- CALVARY
- HIDDENITE
- LEBANON
- LINNEY'S GROVE
- LITTLE RIVER
- MACEDONIA
- MILLERSVILLE
- MT HERMAN
- MT OLIVE
- MOUNTAIN RIDGE
- PILGRIM
- PLEASANT HILL
- SMYRNA
- STONY POINT
- SULPHUR SPRINGS
- TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
- TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
- THREE FORKS



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In Memoriam

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Mr. Paul Buff
Mr. Bill Cline
Mr. Norman Evans
Mr. Phillip Eric Shook
Mr. Clayton Tallman, Sr.

Bethlehem

Sarah Coffey
Lillie Jo Elder
Randy Fox
Barbara Gilham
Forest Hall
Erwin F. Schmidt
Ruth Snyder

Beulah

Mrs. Mrytle Hodge
Mr. Ray Robinson, Deacon

East Taylorsville

Mrs. Pauline Chapman
Mr. Blanco Childers
Mrs. Christine Childers
Mr. Bill Kibby
Mr. Forrest Morgan
Mrs. Cleo Scarbo
Mrs. Ethel Wallace

Hiddenite

Mrs. Ann Dellinger

Lebanon

Mrs. Bonnie Cavin

Linney's Grove

Atwell Baity
Tiffany Crouse
Lois Hanes
Bea Woodfin

Little River

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Mr. Joe McDuffie, Deacon
Mrs. Pauline Orren
Mr. Cameron Hayes

Macedonia

Mrs. Mary Ingram

Millersville

Mrs. Betty Gwins
Mrs. Rosalee Helton
Mr. Wayne Kerley
Mrs. Nell Weaver
Mr. Hendle White

Mt. Herman

Mrs. Bessie Goble
Mrs. Hazel Holtzclaw
Mr. Lamon Moretz
Mr. Odell Pennell

Mt. Olive

Mrs. Opal Gordan
Mrs. Sadie Russell
Mrs. Winnie Sharpe

Pilgrim

Mr. Watt Connolly
Mrs. Marie Johnson
Mr. Gaither Smith
Mr. Eugene Thomas

Pleasant Hill

Mr. Charlie Brotherton
Mrs. Barbara Childers

Smyrna

Mrs. Rachel Hefner
Mrs. Margie Teague

Stony Point

Mr. Waitsel Beaver
Mrs. Linda Burke
Mrs. Jack George
Mr. Howard Norton, Deacon

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Mr. Robert Johnson
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Dwight Isenhour
Louise Watts Johnson
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Evelyn Warren Poole
Herman Robinette

Three Forks

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Rachel F. Ferguson
Olene Gilbert
Jim Sharpe
Winfred Walker

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

An environment of uncertainty and concern have provided us with an opportunity to involve ourselves in serious ministry opportunities as people have struggled with our military service personnel deployed to such places as Afghanistan and Iraq and issues such as unemployment have impacted local economies during this past year. It is true that “people don’t care how much you know until they first know how much you care”. As Christians we have been given many platforms and arenas to display our sincere, compassionate care for others. Many of our church congregations have opened their hearts to those in need through local church benevolence funds, participation and involvement with the Christian Crisis Center, our local associational “Toy Store”, non-perishable goods shipped to citizens of war torn Iraq, Christmas ‘shoeboxes’ shipped throughout the world in cooperation with Samaritan’s Purse, a food roundup for our N. C. Baptist children’s homes, and the list goes on and on.

But attempting to relieve physical and material needs is only the beginning. We have had the opportunity to offer encouragement and supportive understanding to family members in our own communities who had loved ones far away from home serving in our nation’s military and national guard. With every ministry opportunity sharing Jesus should have been our ultimate goal. In a world of needy, hurting people Jesus is still the only answer. Surely God must have trusted us greatly to afford us the many opportunities we have received to show Jesus’ love in these various situations. Then, too, when we could not go to the world....He has brought the world to us. While we still have hope for an effective ministry to the Hispanics, the work goes forward with the Hmong ministry and possibilities of ministering to yet another people group that have moved into our communities, the Mein people, also exist.

As God’s people we have had some wonderful worship experiences as we have come together for the quarterly sessions. Not only have we been informed of resources and ministries available to us through the various Baptist agencies of N. C. but we have been privileged to sit under some good, sound Bible preaching and enjoyed some tremendous worship and fellowship opportunities.

During our Summer quarterly meeting, Rev. Bill Goble tendered his resignation as our Director of Missions to become effective at the close of the Winter quarterly meeting to be held in early January 2004. With our Director of Missions' impending retirement we are once again faced with a great challenge and responsibility. The executive committee has already met a couple of times and is seeking God's divine leadership in this new task. We covet your sincere prayers as we seek to do the work committed to us. It is our desire to keep you informed as progress is made; but, we ask that each pastor and each member of each church congregation help us bear the burden of this responsibility in seeking a new director of missions by committing ourselves to earnestly and faithfully praying for God to lead and guide us throughout this process. We shall always be indebted to Bill for his 'more than part time' leadership and full time commitment to the work of our Alexander Baptist Association shared with us over the past eight years. Let us be sensitive to God and seek His man to lead us as we continue to do kingdom work and minister in Jesus' name. May God give us souls for His kingdom and continue to bless us as together we continue to serve and worship Him.

In Christ,



Keith Childers

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DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

The Alexander County Associational Discipleship Teams goal is to serve our local churches as a support for you as your church seeks to make disciples.

North Carolina Baptist churches had a wide variety of approaches to discipleship. The BSCNC Discipleship Team believes that the differing approaches can be grouped according to four broad descriptions.

Just for your information a list of the 4 "P" approach is listed below.

Each of the four approaches is valuable and can produce life-changing results for disciples. However, it is important to note that each approach has inherent strengths and weaknesses and each will produce different results in the life of disciples. It is up to the individual church how they incorporate these ideas.

PULPIT-ORIENTED

The worshippers of the church
Sermons, sermon series, testimonies, giving.

PROGRAM-ORIENTED

Those persons involved in a program, short-term course, or small group.

PROCESS-ORIENTED

Those church members (and potential church members) who willingly commit to an ongoing process of discipleship growth.

PERSON-ORIENTED

Those few church members and seekers who willingly commit to an ongoing relationship whose focus is on substantial life-change and discipleship development.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILLS

Sunday, March 23, 2003 the associational children's Bible Drill was held at Stony Point Baptist Church.

Coordinator	Mr. Dallas Dolle	Mt. Herman Baptist
Leader	Mrs. Jennifer Robertson	Stony Point Baptist
Leader	Mrs. Carol Baker	Hiddenite Baptist
Leader	Mrs. Emelyn Wagner	Bethlehem Baptist

All participants were winners and advanced to state level in April.

There are discipleship materials to fit every age group and interest. If the Discipleship Team can assist you in any way please feel free to call.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Starnes, Director, Cons., Support
Sandra Ellis, Youth Speaker
Rev Mitch King, Bible Drill-Youth
Dallas Dolle, Bible Drill-Children

Music Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2003

Providing a musical emphasis for senior adults continues to be a focus for the Alexander Baptist Association. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus composed of senior adults, was formed April 13, 1999, and consisted originally of twenty-five members. The group meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the Alexander Senior Center and has a current membership of fifty-four. The *Singing Seniors* are representative of fifteen different churches including thirteen Churches from the Alexander Baptist Association. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus; Brenda Robertson serves as accompanist and Jody West as assistant accompanist.

The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events since the last annual report. Concerts featuring gospel and patriotic music have been performed in seven churches: Antioch Baptist, Macedonia Baptist, Pilgrim Baptist, Stony Point Baptist, Sulphur Springs Baptist, White Plains Baptist, and Cochran Street Bapt. (Iredell County). An additional concert is scheduled for October 26 at Hiddenite Baptist. The group also participated in the Apple Festival (2002) and the Home Town Development Council Fund Raising Project at Davo's (2003).

For the Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* are preparing the gospel musical, **His Name Is Jesus**, arranged by Mosie Lister. Three Christmas Concerts are scheduled. Lebanon Baptist will host the first concert Sunday, November 23rd at 6:30 PM. First Baptist will host the second concert in Davis Hall Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM. Mt. Herman Baptist will host the third concert Sunday, December 28th at 6:30 PM. Rev. Keith Childers, pastor of Lebanon Baptist and Mrs. Brenda Bumgarner will serve as guest narrators.

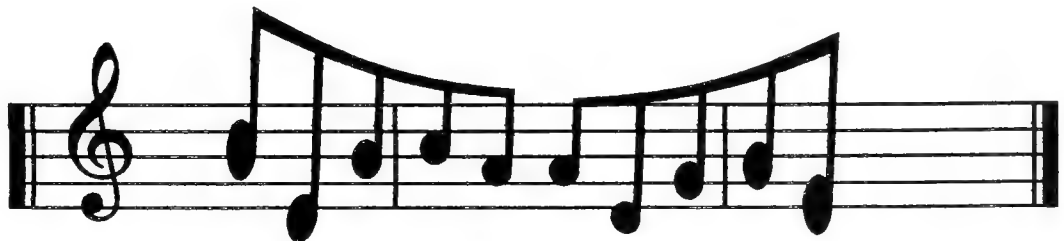
Since its organization the *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with a total of forty-four audiences. Twenty-four concerts were performed in individual churches along with eleven civic opportunities, and three Annual Associational Meetings. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to "Sing a new song unto the Lord."

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell

*O sing unto the Lord a new song;
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.*

Psalm 96:1



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DOM ANNUAL REPORT

September 2002 - August 2003

On Field: Miles traveled: 2398 (reimbursed by Association at \$.36-1/2/mile from September through December 2002, and \$.36 per mile from January through August 2003).

Visited: In churches 68 times, 128 days; 165 services; preached some sermons; attended church homecomings; revivals; prayer services; church building dedications; etc.

Office Work and Use: Numerous personal consultations either by phone, office appointment or drop-ins; many telephone conversations; assisted Secretary Bobbi Glass in formulating and in the preparation of monthly newsletter "The Sharer" and the Book of Reports for the annual meeting and in preparation for the 2002 ABA Annual (minutes). Furnished Resource Center for the Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) and for its Board of Advisors as well as for the Christian Crisis Center Board. Continue to provide audio-visuals (videos and cassettes) for use by the churches as well as screen, video projector, overhead projector and a computer for free use by the public. Preparation of many mail-outs to pastors and other church leaders as is appropriate to promote events, meetings and the missions emphasis on Missions - local, associational, state (NCBSC), national (NAMB) and foreign (IMB). Meeting place of various committees: Hmong Mission, Hispanic Mission, Executive Council four meetings per year; Policy & Procedures Manual Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, and Nominating Committee. Center used to mentor CWJC participants also.

Associational Meetings and Events: Annual Session and three other quarterly sessions; Youth Rally; "Operation Inasmuch" (formerly Missions Blitz); Toy Store; RA Racers Car Derby; Church Clerk's annual meeting; Senior Adult Conference; Deacon's Conference; Hmong Mission at Hiddenite Church - ESL and Worship Service every other Sunday and every Wednesday night sessions for the Hmong children and Youth; Senior Adult Ice Cream Supper/Fellowship and Video; sent team of ABA Key Leadership to Ridgecrest for Associational Leadership Development Conference; Secretaries' Conference; Ministers' Wives Fellowship; and Defensive Driving Course for 15 passenger van drivers.

Promoted: All Weeks of Prayer for Missions and Offerings of the SBC and NC Baptist State Convention as calendared by those entities as well as special days - as calendared by our association.

Donations: Bethlehem Church to ABA - 1986 Chevrolet 29 passenger Bus for use by our churches; \$1,000 to ABA to honor retiring DOM Bill Goble by Miss Lucy Echerd; a complete bound sets of ABA Minutes from 1887 to 1995 also given by Miss Lucy Echerd to ABA in honor and memory of Charles E Echerd, her father.

Associational Mission Projects: Hmong Mission; Food Boxes for Iraq - 57 large boxes from our churches; Food Roundup for NC Baptist Children's Homes - 1/3 trailer tractor load of food from ABA churches plus significant church and individual monetary contributions. ABA contributed \$500 for materials to build porch and wheelchair ramp for disabled Tony Smith and his wife - built by Baptist Men Groups from Antioch Church and East Taylorsville Church.

Meetings Outside of Association and Other Areas of Ministry: State Evangelism Conference, Greensboro; NCBSC, Winston-Salem; Reg 7 DOM Meetings, Reg 7 Baptist Mens Rally, Board Meetings. Ellendale Ruritan Board and monthly meetings; Habitat for Humanity Board and Dedication Service of second Habitat house; CWJC Advisory Board; and Gideon Banquet.

Vacation Time: 8 days in June 2003.

Submitted Resignation on July 10 at the Summer Session at Little River Baptist Church.

1. For 2nd retirement
2. To be effective January 8 2004 at Winter Session at First Baptist Church.

It has been my pleasure in serving the Lord and you during these past eight years. Thanks so much for your cooperation, support and involvement in our association. Please do the same with my successor! God Bless!

Warmly,

Bill Goble
Director of Missions

Alexander Baptist Association

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Church and Community Missions saw groups in West Virginia and eastern North Carolina as the previous associational year came to a close.

Our joint partnership with the West Virginia mission led to our association committing to restock the Mission Center at New Covenant Baptist Church in Rock Cave, with everything they needed, clothing wise, before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

October and November was devoted to the application process for our own Toy Store held in December. Your CCM Director accompanied one church group to Samaritans purse in November to process "shoe boxes". Churches in the Alexander Baptist Association always participate actively in the "shoe box" drive.

Church and Community Missions organized and promoted our first Race Relations Sunday held in a number of years. It is our hope that we can conduct a joint worship experience each year for the inter-racial community.

The summer months saw two "Operation In As Much" projects conducted. Three churches participated in construction of porches and ramp for one terminally ill husband and father and the rehabilitation of another home for a widow. One church adopted this project by them selves. We are currently involved with three churches in a joint project with Christian Women's Job Corp to construct bedrooms in a basement area for children of a CWJC client.

October and November will again see the kick-off of our Toy Store and we anticipate a greater number of families due to lay-offs in the area. Let me challenge our churches to do everything you have done in the past and more.

Prayerfully submitted:

Gary W. Jennings, CCM Director

H'Mong Mission Committee Report
August 28, 2003
2002 - 2003

- H'mong children have been active in Wed. pm. DiscipleLand program.
- H'mong youth have been active in Wed. pm. youth program.
- Have had fellowships at the Sharpe's.
- 30 mile walk to raise \$ for Ying Vang's parents to come to America to see a doctor as well as see their family.

Update: All the paper work on this end has now been completed and turned over to the proper government officials. It is now in the hands of the American Embassy and Laotian government. Keep this in your prayers.

- Two fundraisers for the Vang family in which several H'mong friends made and sold egg rolls at the Hiddenite celebration and at the Hometown Apple festival in Taylorsville.
- Active in VBS. We had about 40 H'mong children and youth. Also, we had some H'mong folks to help work in Bible school.
- Attend Sunday School every week and attend services conducted in H'mong with Toua Khang one Sunday and in English with us the alternate Sundays.
- 5 decisions to accept Jesus Christ.

Future planned activites for this year.

- 5 baptisms in the near future
- H'mong youth and our youth will be going to Hickory Cove Bible camp facilities for a team building experience on September 24, 2003.
- Total youth group going to Cullowhee, NC on a tubing trip to bond the group. Will have devotions and a time to reflect and share testimonies.
- Wed. pm programs for children and youth will continue.
- Plans are being developed to start a tutoring session for children having problems with school work. Also, their parents will be having literacy classes with pastor Toua Khang.

In Christ,
Lee Siniard
Gale and Janice Sharpe

CHURCH SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The Association Church Secretaries' Conference/Fellowship is open to all Association Church Secretaries. Our get-togethers are very informal - we bring our own lunch - sandwich, salad, diet delight, or whatever! The Association provides drinks. We take turns at making a dessert, and have a meaningful devotion. We enjoy good fellowship, share ideas, upcoming events at our churches, pray for each others needs and for the needs of others. We share in praising our Heavenly Father for what He is doing in our lives, in our churches, and in our Association.

We meet once a quarter but also try to plan a special time together around Christmas, or the beginning of the year - either a meal out or a get together at the home of one of the secretary's. Fellowship begins at noon - sometimes we run a few minutes late - but come as soon as you can! We meet in the Resource Center - located at 215 Fifth Avenue SW, Taylorsville - call if you need directions. Come join us - all church secretaries are welcome and there is a sweet spirit among us. We would love to see YOU!

The North Carolina Baptist Secretaries' Conference will be held this year at Caraway Conference Center on November 3, 4 and 5, 2003. There will be eight secretaries attending this year. We thank our respective churches and association for this wonderful opportunity to be inspired again, to renew old friendships and to make new ones, and to learn more about our Savior in order to serve Him as He would have us serve Him and others. The conference offers sessions on Spiritual Enrichment, Professional Development, and Personal Effectiveness. This year "Just for the Fun of It" (an optional extra class at the end of the session) will teach those interested in "Creative Memories Scrapbooking". This class shows how to organize all those pictures we have stashed away in scrapbooks, shoe boxes, under the bed, etc. and how to "pull them all together" into an artful masterpiece that anyone would be proud to present to their friends and families!

We come back to our families, friends, and our church refreshed, inspired, with new ideas, and a fresh God-given spirit. We are blessed and encouraged when new faces join us on this journey. Once you've been you will want to go again!

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Association Secretary



**Resolution Of Support Regarding The Placement Of The Ten Commandments
In Public And Governmental Buildings**

Recognizing both the historical and moral value of the Ten Commandments, as well as their positive influence upon society, be it resolved that the members of the Alexander Baptist Association have on Thursday, October 2, 2003, entered into record their support of the placement of the Ten Commandments in court houses and other public and governmental buildings. We believe that the Ten Commandments should be given as much respect as other historical documents that are freely displayed on these properties.

As members of the Alexander Baptist Association, comprised of 21 churches in Alexander County, North Carolina, we urge our governmental representatives to make every effort to support our position in the placement of the Ten Commandments.

Respectfully submitted,

Resolutions Committee

Keith Childers, Chairman

Betty Lovette

Tom Fortner

Resolution Of Support For The Marriage Amendment

In view of the current controversy regarding marriage, be it resolved that we, members of the Alexander Baptist Association, do hereby record our position on this issue being in full agreement with the Word of God recognizing that marriage is to be a relationship blessed and sanctified by God between a man and a woman. We find it tragic that it has become necessary in our day and age to be required to define marriage.

Yet, when some within our society are attempting to redefine marriage to be a union between two people of the same sex, as Christians we must stand upon the teachings of God's Word and oppose this redefined definition of marriage as an abomination in the sight of God. Historically, our nation has recognized marriage to be a relationship between a man and woman, husband and wife.

It is our desire to make our governmental representatives aware that on Thursday, October 2, 2003, in the annual meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association which is made up of 21 churches in Alexander County, North Carolina, we have resolved to support the Biblical and historical view of marriage as being the relationship of one man and one woman joined together in holy matrimony and support the Federal Marriage Amendment introduced by Representative Marilyn Musgrave of Colorado and urge them to lend their full support in seeking to make this amendment to our constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Baptist Association Resolutions Committee

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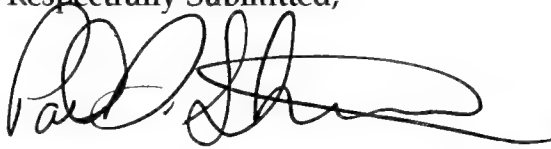
Sunday School Director's Report

The scriptures say that without a vision the people will perish. When Sunday School was first implemented it was implemented with a clear vision of reaching the lost and discipling the Christian with a main purpose of reaching the lost.

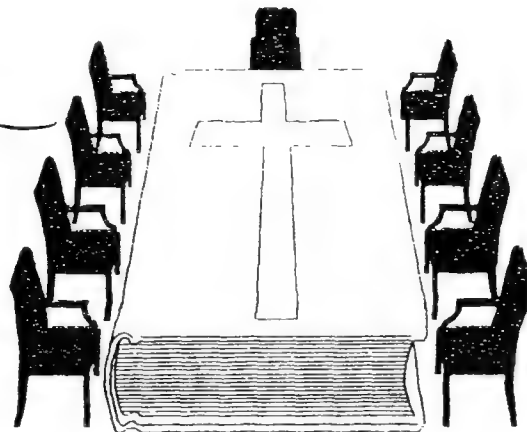
Our goal this year as the Associational Sunday School-Bible Reaching/Teaching Team is to narrow our focus to those churches that are wanting and needing our help in developing a better Sunday School ministry at their church. We understand that there are those churches that feel they are doing an adequate job in the area of Sunday School and thus we want to concentrate our efforts on those churches that want our help. Our goal is not to make all of our churches Sunday School programs the same but to help all of the churches Sunday School programs be the best they can be.

We are planning to have a Sunday School training session lead by Rick Hughes sometime next year. We were also able to line up an engagement with Ken Hemphill who is a great speaker and author. Ken will be concentrating on Sunday School and how to bring it back to life. Both of these training sessions will enable experienced Sunday School teachers to advance their skills while allowing new teachers the opportunity of growing as well.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser:
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning*

**Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget For 2003 – 2004**

<u>Salaries And Benefits</u>		<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
<i>CCM (Church & Community Missions Director:</i>	Salary*	\$ 2,217.28	\$ 2,217.28
	Travel	360.00	360.00
	Conference Allowance	150.00	150.00
<i>Secretary-Treasurer:</i>	Salary	15,475.63	16,250.00
	Insurance	4,575.84	5,300.84
	Retirement	945.00	945.00
	Conference	150.00	150.00
	Christmas Bonus	250.00	250.00
FICA Taxes (Secretary)		1,183.89	1,243.00
<i>Director Of Missions:</i>	Salary	8,803.12	8,803.12
	Utilities/Housing	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Insurance (Med./Retir.)	2,880.00	2,880.00
	Travel	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Christmas Bonus**	500.00	1,500.00
	Conventions	300.00	300.00
Salaries And Benefits Subtotal:		<u>\$43,890.76</u>	<u>\$46,449.24</u>
<u>Operation Expenses</u>			
Utilities		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
1) Electricity			
2) Telephone			
3) Internet Access			
Equipment (Copier, etc.)		2,700.00	2,700.00
General Supplies (Office Expense)		1,800.00	2,000.00
Postage & Box Rental		1,600.00	1,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance		800.00	1,500.00
Insurance (Property)		1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous		200.00	200.00
Media Center		500.00	700.00
Office Cleaning			1,300.00
Operation Expenses Subtotal		<u>\$12,600.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
<u>Ministry Expenses</u>			
Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Baptist Men		200.00	200.00
Christian Life		200.00	100.00
Deaconship		100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training		200.00	200.00
Evangelism		2,000.00	2,000.00
Hispanic Ministry****		4,800.00	

Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget For 2003 – 2004

Ministry Expenses

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
Hmong Ministry	\$ 2,400.00	3,600.00
Key Leadership	350.00	535.00
Ministers' Conference (Speakers)	200.00	
Ministry (Discretionary Fund For Director Of Missions)	200.00	200.00
Missions Development – Toy Store	3,000.00	3,000.00
Operation "In As Much"*****		2,400.00
Music (Singing Seniors)	1,000.00	1,260.00
Pastoral Ministries	150.00	150.00
Senior Adults	250.00	700.00
Single Adult Ministry	150.00	150.00
Stewardship	100.00	100.00
Sunday School	700.00	500.00
Vacation Bible School (Clinic Expense)	700.00	
Women's Missionary Union	700.00	500.00
Youth	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transportation (Van/Bus Ins./Tag/Maintenance/Gas)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Ministry Expenses Subtotal	\$19,800.00	\$19,095.00
TOTAL	\$76,290.76	\$81,544.24



CWJC REPORT
ANNUAL REPORT
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER, 2003

CWJC remains stable and is adding new participants as well as mentors. We currently serve eleven women and their children. In September, we celebrated the completion of the program for one participant. Early this summer, one participant began a work experience at the Alexander County Health Department and did very well in the job. She did not get paid, however, she did gain some useful experience in anticipation of a paying position. In August, 2003, she obtained gainful employment in the county and is currently maintaining that job using a vehicle that was donated to the Christian Women's Job Corps. One participant is currently attending the Certified Nursing Assistant classes at CVCC and is doing well. CWJC was able to pay the tuition and book expenses for this class. Through CWJC and the Alexander Baptist Association, we will be starting a remodeling project in the home of one of the participants later this fall.

The mentors continue to work with their participants in Bible study and setting of goals. On Saturday, September 20th, we held a training program for new mentors and added additional workers to our team. We are still in need of women from area churches to help in the rehabilitation of these women. The commitment is great, but the rewards are greater. When we see a woman become better able to care for herself and her family, it is most gratifying. Our goal has been to see a mentor from every church in Alexander County assisting a woman toward a better life style which, in turn, helps the children to grow up better able to take care of themselves. This goal has not been met yet, but we continue to press forward toward this mark.

This fiscal year, 2003-04, our funding was drastically reduced by the Department of Social Services in the county. We can no longer count on this resource to fund the Christian Women's Job Corps. We must depend on the Lord to provide funding through His churches and other agencies. We are actively seeking funding from granting agencies and area churches. The United Way of Alexander County has approved \$4000 for this fiscal year. We have also developed a CWJC Cook Book which will be for sale during the 2003 Christmas holidays. We are anticipating earning around \$2000 from this project.

In July, 2003, the Advisory Board of CWJC accepted the resignation of Marie Chapman, who has served as Site Coordinator since November, 2001. The Board has subsequently hired Debra Hollingsworth, Christian Crisis Center Director, to fill this position. Ms. Hollingsworth began her duties for CWJC on September 1, 2003 and will be responsible for both organizations which will operate out of the Crisis Center building.

Marie Chapman, Outgoing Site Coordinator

WMU REPORT

My, how this year has flown by. It's hard to believe how fast time goes by. Our WMU has not done a tremendous amount of things this year. We had a WMU training session at the beginning of the year. We helped with the toy store.

We have quite a number of activities planned for the coming year. We have scheduled a training for WMU and Brotherhood. The WMU is going to be collecting candy from all the churches to be sent to our state office. The candy will then be packaged as part of Christmas gifts for women in two state correctional prisons. We will be helping collect items for the Juvenile Detention Center. We hope to have a Women's retreat in the spring. The WMU is trying to schedule a women's workday with Habitat for Humanity. There are several other activities being planned. Hopefully a number of these will become yearly events.

This looks like it is going to be a great year for WMU.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda B. McLain

Associational WMU Director

**Recommendations From The Nominating Committee
Of
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2003-2004
Officers**

Moderator.....	Rev. Craig Hamlin
Vice Moderator.....	Mr. Tom McNeely
Clerk.....	Miss Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.....	Mr. Bob Brewington
Director of Missions.....	Rev. Bill Goble
Church/Community Ministries Dir.....	Rev. Gary Jennings

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Budget/Finance</u> (Missions Funding Development)		
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch	2004
Mr. Milton Campbell	East Taylorsville	2005
Mr. Ricky Brown	Little River	2006
Mrs. Rita Pennell	Pleasant Hill	2006
Moderator, Chairman		
 <u>Buildings & Grounds</u>		
Mr. Phil Jolly	Little River	2004
Mr. Brent Fox	Bethlehem	2005
Mr. Wade Fortner, Chair	Mt. Olive	2006
 <u>Credentials</u>		
Rev. David Chapman	Mountain Ridge	2004
Rev. Dan Spears, Chair	Macedonia	2005
Mr. Frank Durmire	Sulphur Springs	2006
 <u>History & Dedication of Minutes</u>		
Miss Emilyn Wagner, Chair	Bethlehem	
Miss Lucy Echerd	First Baptist	
Mrs. Florrie Kerley	Mt. Herman	
 Nominating Committee	Elected annually from the floor at Winter Session, as required by Constitution, to serve from 9/1/03 through 8/31/04. (Names listed at end of report.)	

Ordination Examining

Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs	2004
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	2004
Rev. D. W. Chapman	Mt. Olive	2005
Rev. William Wease, Chair	Linney's Grove	2005

Committee**Church****Term Expires****Personnel (Executive Council)****Resolutions**

Rev Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon	2004
Mr. Tom Fortner	Lebanon	2005
Rose Harrington	Mt. Herman	2006

Quarterly Sessions Planning & Place (Executive Council)**Trustees (Executive Council)****Van/Bus Transportation**

Mr. Wade Fortner, Chair	Mt. Olive	2004
Rev. William Wease	Linney's Grove	2005
Mr. Phil Chapman	Lebanon	2006

Missions Performance Teams and Consultants**Committee****Church****Area****Term Expires****Baptist Men & Boys Ministries**

Mr. Don Austin	Mt. Herman	Director/Consultant	2004
_____	_____	Asst. Dir./Cons.	2004
_____	_____	Challengers (RA)	2004
Mr. Tim Fox	Bethlehem	RA Consultant (Car Derby)	2004

Christian Life Commission

Rev. Keith Childers, Chair	Lebanon	2004
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	2004
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	2004
Mrs. Sandra Lowrance	Little River	2004

Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)

Mrs. Marie Chapman	East Taylorsville	Site Coordinator	2004
Mrs. Sharon Absher, Chair	East Taylorsville	Mentor Training	2004
Mr. Jeremy Guyer	Work First Supervisor, DSS		2004
Mrs. Susie Barkley	CVCC Alexander Site Supervisor		2004
Mrs. Ingrid Townsend	Domestic Violence Resource Center Director		2004
Mrs. Houa Vang	Hiddenite	(Hmong) Member	2004
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	CCM Director	2004
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	Director Of Missions	2004

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Deacon Ministry</u>			
Mr. Kenneth Kerley	Mt. Herman	Consultant	2004
<u>Discipleship Training Team</u>			
Mrs. Barbara Starnes	Stony Point	Dir./Cons./Support.	2004
Mrs. Sandra Ellis	Stony Point	Youth Speaker	2004
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs	Bible Drill-Youth	2004
Mr. Dallas Dolle	Mt. Herman	Bible Drill-Children	2004
<u>Evangelism Consultant</u>			
Rev. Jamie Steele, Chair	East Taylorsville	Leader	2004
Rev. Brent Dula	Beulah		2004
Rev. Keith Childers	Lebanon		2004
<u>Hispanic Mission Ministries</u>			
Rev. Mike Runion	Three Forks		2004
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill		2004
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville		2004
Rev. Steve Parks, Chair	Sulphur Springs		2004
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		2004
Rev. Gary Jennings, Ex-Officio	East Taylorsville		2004
<u>Hmong Mission Ministry</u>			
Mr. Toua Khang	Statesville, NC	Spiritual Leader	2004
Mr. Lee Siniard	Hiddenite	Chair	2004
Mrs. Sharon Burgess	East Taylorsville		2004
Mr. Tim Deaton	Bethlehem		2004
Mrs. Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite	Ministry Coordinator	2004
Miss Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem		2004
Rev. Craig Hamlin	East Taylorsville	Moderator, Ex. Officio	2004
Rev. Bill Goble	Mt. Herman	DOM, Ex. Officio	2004
<u>Media Library/Computer Consultant</u>			
Mrs. Kay White	Three Forks	Director	2004
<u>Music Team</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2004
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Associate Dir.	2004
Mr. Junior Mitchell	Pilgrim	Associate Dir.	2004

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>NC Baptist Institutional Representatives</u>			
Mrs. Gail Armstrong	Mt. Herman	Baptist Children's Home	2004
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Baptist Hospital	2004
Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove	Baptist Retirement Homes	2004
<u>On Mission Team (Missions Development Team)</u>			
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	Chair, CCM Dir.	2004
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2004
Mrs. Vivian Cline	Antioch	N. America	2004
Mrs. Linda (George) McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2004
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2004
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2004
Mr. Don Austin	Mt. Herman	Baptist Men	2004
<u>Pastoral Ministries Consultant</u>			
Rev. D. W. Chapman	Mt. Olive		2004
<u>Seminary Extension</u>			
Rev. Jack Carver	Bethlehem	Director	2004
<u>Senior Adult Ministry</u>			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Director	2004
Mr. Leonard Gregory	East Taylorsville	Assistant	2004
<u>Single Adult Ministry</u>			
Mr. Marty Loudermelk, Chair	Sulphur Springs		2004
Mr. David Duncan	Sulphur Springs		2004
<u>Singing Seniors Ministry</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2004
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Leader	2004
<u>Stewardship Consultant</u>			
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	Director	2004
<u>Sunday School—Bible Reaching/Teaching Team (Consultants)</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Dir./Adult Leader	2004
Mrs. Teresa Skinner	East Taylorsville	Youth Leader	2004
Mrs. Dana Allen	Sulphur Springs	Children's Leader	2004
Mrs. Kendra Dyson	East Taylorsville	Pre-School Leader	2004
Rev. Craig Hamlin	East Taylorsville	Outreach/Evang. Leader	2004

WMU Team (Consultants)

Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU Director	2004
Mrs. Mary Ann Winchell	East Taylorsville	Women On Mission	2004
Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	2004
Mrs. Debbie Keever	Hiddenite	Mission Friends	2004

Youth Ministry Team

Rev. Marvin Yarborough	East Taylorsville	Team Leader	2004
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs		2004
Rev. Sean Roberds	First Baptist		2004
Mr. Bryan McDevitt	Bethlehem		2004
Mr. Wesley Brown	Lebanon		2004

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Rev. Paul D. Schronce, Mt. Herman, Chair

Rev. Brent Dula, Beulah

Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove

Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks

Rev. D. W. Chapman, Mt. Olive

Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill

Mr. Richard Bumgarner, Lebanon

ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERS 2003-2004

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Absher, Sharon	632-5085
Allen, Dana (Todd)	635-1453
Armstrong, Gail	757-0336
Austin, Don	632-2172
Austin, Shelia	495-7531
Barkley, Susie	632-8221
Boutwell, Rodney	632-2564
Brewington, Bob	632-7588
Brown, Ricky	632-9718
Brown, Wesley	322-2521
Campbell, Milton	632-3736
Carver, Jack	495-7250
Chapman, D. W.	632-7042
Chapman, Danny	632-3781
Chapman, David	635-8372
Chapman, Marie	632-3985
Chapman, Phil	632-7387
Childers, Keith	632-3158
Cline, Vivia	632-2825
Duncan, David	*
Durmire, Frank	632-5394
Dyson, Kendra	632-3054
Echerd, Lucy	632-3164
Ellis, Sandra	704/585-6634
Fortner, Tom	632-9525
Fortner, Wade & Junellyn	632-1966
Fox, Brent	495-8866
Fox, Tim	495-3466
Giffin, David	632-8070
Glass, Bobbi	632-6546
Goble, Bill	632-6217
Goble, Suzanne	632-4330
Gregory, Leonard	704/873-6475
Guyer, Jeremy	635-8515

Hamlin, Craig	632-2564
Harrington, Rose Austin	632-2925
Holland, Wayne	632-3691
Hollingsworth, Debbie (CWJC-Site Coord)	632-0022
Jennings, Gary	495-2102
Jolly, Phil	632-9377
Keever, Debbie	632-5833
Kerley, Florrie	632-2494
Kerley, Kenneth	632-2494
Khang, Toua	704/929-6927
King, Mitch	632-4215
Lambert, Darren	635-8288
Loudermelk, Marty	632-3992
McDevitt, Bryan	495-7250
McLain, Linda	632-2930
McNeely, Tom	704/585-2421/632-0118
Parks, Steve	632-8330
Pennell, Rita	632-5401
Perry, Trudy	632-1413/635-3090
Roberds, Sean	635-6124
Runion, Mike	632-7634
Schronce, Paul	632-1829
Siniard, Lee	632-8368
Skinner, Teresa	632-6306
Spears, Dan	632-3610
Starnes, Barbara	632-3295
Steele, Jamie	632-2564
Townsend, Ingrid	635-8850
Vang, Houa	*
Wagner, Emily & Rachel	632-2841
Wease, William	704-876-1090
White, Kay	632-2905
Winchell, Mary Ann	635-0924
Yarborough, Marvin	632-2564

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2003-DECEMBER 2004

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
AO - Associational Office/Resource Center

<u>OCTOBER 2003</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH/STEWARDSHIP Emphasis</u>
2	<u>116th ABA ANNUAL SESSION</u> MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4-9 PM
3- 4	Music Leadership Training Retreat - Caraway
5	On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday
6- 8	Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
9	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
9	"Tomorrow's Family Today" sponsored by BSCNC, FBC - Greensboro
10-11	Retreat for New Ministers' Wives, Mundo Vista
10-11	RA/Challenger Leadership Training
12	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
12	World Hunger Day
13-15	Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
14	Church Building Conference (West)
14	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
15-17	Fall Senior Adult Conference - Caraway
17-18	Adult Campcraft Training - Caraway
17-19	Literacy Missions Retreat - Caraway Conference Center
17-19	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
18	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
20	Single Adult Leadership Training, Fellowship Bapt. Church, Hudson
20-22	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
21	ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship AO 6:00 PM
24	ABA WMU Mission Project "Candy Collection" for Women Inmates at NC Correctional Institute for Women, and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women - Deadline for delivery to ABA
24-25	WMU Resource Team Training - Mundo Vista - Asheboro
24-25	Conference on Addictions
24-25	Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte
26	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
26	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Hiddenite Church 7PM
27-29	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
28	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
<u>NOVEMBER 2003</u>	<u>ABA TOY STORE COLLECTION MONTH IN OUR CHURCHES</u>
2	On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday
2- 6	Grace for the Journey - Caswell
2- 8	Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches
3	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
3- 5	NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference, Caraway

4	Election Day
4	Children's Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill and Youth Speakers Tournament for Associations and Churches, Baptist Home Church, North Wilkesboro
7- 8	NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting - Winston-Salem
8-10	NC Baptist Conference of the Deaf - Caraway
9	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10	Associational Staff Convention Banquet 5PM
10-12	Baptist State Convention Annual Session - Winston-Salem
11	Veterans' Day
11	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14-15	Donor Sabbath Weekend (organ and tissue donations)
14-16	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
16-23	Week of Prayer & Special Thanksgiving Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
17-19	Faithful, Effective, and Innovative Congregations - Hollifield
18	ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship AO 6:00 PM
20-22	Congregational Leadership Days - Hollifield
23	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
23	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Lebanon Baptist Church 6:30 PM
25	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27	THANKSGIVING DAY - Office Closed (27, 28)
30-12/7	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 2003 ABA TOY STORE & INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

11/30-12-7	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
1- 2	Retired Associational Staff Retreat - Caraway
1- 3	Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
3- 5	Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
3- 5	Chalk Talk Clinic for Congregational Coaches - Hollifield
4	ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
7	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
8-10	Senior Adult Christmas by the Sea - Caswell
8- 9	ABA Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
10-11	ABA Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, Nat. Guard Armory
9	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14	ABA Singing Seniors Christmas Concert, FBC - Davis Hall 3PM
21	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
22	Winter begins
25	CHRISTMAS DAY - Birthday Celebration of our Lord's Birthday
24-26	Office Closed for Christmas
28	Student Day at Christmas
28	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Mt Herman Baptist Church, 6:30 PM

JANUARY 2004

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Office Closed
4 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
8 **ABA WINTER SESSION - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM**
13 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
15 ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Gant's Steakhouse - Noon
18 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
19 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
20-21 Association Staff/General Board Meeting - Caraway
25 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
27 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27-28 NCBSG General Board Meeting-Caraway

FEBRUARY 2004 **"TRUE LOVE WAITS" Emphasis**

1 Baptist World Alliance Day
1 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
1- 8 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
8 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
8-14 Focus on WMU
9-10 State Evangelism Conference-Greensboro
10 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14 Valentine's Day
15 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15 NC Baptist College Day
16 Presidents' Day
22 Volunteers in Missions Day
22-28 Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention - Charlotte
24 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7:00 PM
24 Region 7 & 8 Discipleship Development Conference,
Friendship Baptist Church - Hudson
28-3/1 Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention - Winston-Salem

MARCH 2004

4 ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
5 Associational RA Car Race Derby, TBA
6 Children in Action/Mission Kid Day, Camp Mundo Vista
7-14 On Mission in America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
9 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
10 Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America
12-13 Prayer Conference TBA

14	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-21	Youth Week
19-20	Youth Handbell Festival, Hickory Grove North - Charlotte
20	Spring begins
21	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
23	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
26-27	Adult Handbell Festival, Hickory Grove North - Charlotte
27	RA Congress
28	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
28	ABA Bible Drills for Youth & Children, and Youth Speakers Tournament - Bethlehem Baptist Church 3PM
28	On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday

APRIL 2004

1	<u>ABA SPRING SESSION</u> LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM
3	Girls in Action Day
3	ABA RA Car Race Day
4	PALM SUNDAY
4	Daylight Saving Time begins
4	SBC Seminaries Day
5- 7	Springfest Senior Retreat - Caswell
6	Bible Drill Registration Deadline
9	GOOD FRIDAY - Office Closed
11	EASTER - "HE IS RISEN!"
11	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11	Cooperative Missions Giving Day
13	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
13	Spring Fling II-Caswell
16-17	Interfaith Witness Conference TBA
16-18	Missions Extravaganza - Ridgecrest
18	Earth Stewards Sunday
18-23	Baptist Doctrine Study - "Discovering the Biblical Jesus" (Churchwide)
19-21	Springfest Senior Retreat - Caswell
21	Church Secretaries' Day
23	Youth Drills & Youth Speaker Tournament TBA
23-24	Men's Ministry Conference - Caswell
23-24	Spring Fling III - Caswell
23-24	Father/Son Overnight (1-6 grades) - Caraway
24	Children's Bible Drills TBA
24-25	Father/Son Overnight (1-6 grades) - Caraway
25	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25	Life Commitment Sunday

27	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
30	Youth Drill & Youth Speakers Tournament TBA
30-5/1	ABA WMU Women's Retreat - Hollifield Leadership Center
30-5/2	Blind Fellowship Retreat

MAY 2004

1	ABA SPRING CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS - First Baptist Church Christian Life Center - 9:00AM - 12:30PM
1	Children's Bible Drills - (State)
1	State RA/Challengers Track Meet
2	Senior Adult Sunday
2- 9	Christian Home Week
4	ABA Nominating Committee AO 7PM
5	Senior Adult Festival - Greensboro
6	National Day of Prayer
9	Mother's Day
9	Mother's Day Offering for NC Baptist Hospital-Statewide
9	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10-12	Spring Senior Adult Conference
11	ABA Alexander Singing Senior, Sr Center 7PM
13	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
14-16	NC State Media Library Workshop - Caswell
14-16	Deaf Youth Retreat - Caraway
14-16	"Together In Christ" Deaf Conference - Caraway
15	Finalist Youth Drill & Tournament (State)
16-23	ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK
17	Council on Christian Life & Public Affairs Meeting - Caraway
23	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28-30	Couples Spring Break - Caswell
31	MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed
31-6/5	Summer Youth Week I- Camps, Conference Centers, etc - Caswell

JUNE 2004

VBS MONTH

5/31-6/5	SBC "Rickshaw Rally Far Out Far East-Racing to The Son"
	Summer Youth Week I- Camps, Conference Centers, etc - Caswell
3	ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
4- 6	Western Happiness Retreat - Truett Camp
6	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
7	Caraway Summer Camp for Boys Opens
7-11	Family, Fun and Focus Week - Caswell

7-12	Summer Youth Week 2 - Caswell
7-13	Crossover, Indianapolis IN
8	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
8	ABA Nominating Committee AO 7PM
13-14	SBC Pastors Conference - Indianapolis IN
13-14	National WMU Conference - Indianapolis IN
14	Flag Day
14-18	Families with Aids - Caswell
14-19	Summer Youth Week 3 - Caswell
15	ABA Budget/Finance Committee AO 7PM
15-16	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION - Indianapolis IN
16-20	GA Summer Camp - Mundo Vista - Asheboro
18-19	Associational Leadership Training - Caraway
18-19	WMU Leadership Team Training - Caraway (Tentative)
20	Father's Day
20	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
21	Summer begins
21-26	Summer Youth Week 4 - Caswell
22	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
24-26	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship - Birmingham AL
27	Adopt an Annuitant Sunday
28-7/3	Summer Youth Week 5 - Caswell

JULY 2004

6/28-7/3	<u>VBS MONTH</u>
4	<u>CAMPS, CONFERENCE CENTERS MONTH</u>
4	Summer Youth Week 5 - Caswell
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY - Sunday
4	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
5	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
5	Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed
8	<u>ABA SUMMER SESSION STONY POINT Baptist Church 7PM</u>
12-14	Associational Staff Summer Conference - Caraway
12-16	Grace for the Journey
12-17	World Missions Week - Caswell
13	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14-16	GA Mother/Daughter Camp - Mundo Vista
16-17	Associational Leadership Team Training - Caraway
	Team Leadership Members and ALL ABA WMU Directors
16-18	Bivocational Ministers' Conference - Caraway
18	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
18	ABA Church Clerk's Conference AO 3PM
19-24	Summer Youth Week 6 - Caswell

23-24	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training-Fruitland (Tentative)
24-26	Happiness Retreat I - Caraway
26-28	Happiness Retreat II - Caraway
26-31	Summer Youth Week 7 - Caswell
27	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28-30	Happiness Retreat III - Caraway
30-8/1	Lay Renewal Gathering

AUGUST 2004

SCHOOL BEGINS

1	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
1	Social Issues Sunday: Environmental Stewardship
2- 7	Summer Youth Week 8 - Caswell
5	ABA Seniors Ice Cream Party - East Taylorsville Baptist Church 6PM
6- 7	Church Brotherhood Leadership Training - Caraway
6- 7	Lay Renewal Weekend - Caswell
8	Day of Prayer for Students
10	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
12	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
13-14	Lay Witnessing Conference - Caraway
15	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
20-21	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference - TBA
24	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27-28	Hearing Impaired Womens' Retreat - Mundo Vista
29	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

SEPTEMBER 2004

NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS

2	ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
3- 4	ETC - Equipping Today's Church, and Associational Leadership Development Training - Ridgecrest
5-12	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
6	LABOR DAY - Office Closed
12	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
12	Single Adult Sunday
14	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
15-17	Women's Prison Retreat - Mundo Vista
17-18	Fall Sunday School Training - Caraway
19	Anti-Gambling Sunday
22	Autumn begins
24-25	Women on Mission Mentoring Retreat - Caswell
26	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

28	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28	Regional Children's/Youth Bible Drills/Youth Speakers Tournament, Leaders and Judges Training - TBA
28-29	NC General Board Meeting - Caraway

OCTOBER 2004 **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM & MISSIONS GIVING MONTH**
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

7	<u>117th ABA ANNUAL SESSION</u> ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 4 to 9 PM
8- 9	New Ministers' Wives Retreat - Mundo Vista
10	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
10	World Hunger Day
12	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
12	Church Building Conference (West)
14	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship AO Noon
15-16	RA/Challengers Leadership Training - Caraway
15-17	Literacy Missions Retreat - Caraway
16	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
22-23	Potential Leader Training - Mundo Vista
23-24	Deacon/Spouse Retreat - Caswell
24	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
26	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Senior Center 7PM
31	Daylight Saving Time ends

NOVEMBER 2004 **ABA TOY STORE COLLECTION MONTH IN OUR CHURCHES**

1	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
1- 3	NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference - TBA
2	Election Day
5- 6	NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting - Winston-Salem
7	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
7- 8	Young Women on Mission (YWOM) Retreat - Mundo Vista
7-11	Grace for the Journey - Caswell
7-13	RA Week in the Churches
9	ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11	Veterans' Day
12-14	NC Baptist Conference for the Deaf - Caraway
14-21	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Children's Homes
15-17	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION Annual Session - Winston-Salem
19-21	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell

21 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 23 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 25 **THANKSGIVING DAY** - Office Closed (25, 26)
 28-12/5 International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 2004 **ABA TOY STORE and INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FOCUS**

11/28-12-5 International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering
 1- 3 Christmas By the Sea Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
 2 ABA Executive Council AO 7PM
 4 NC WMU Day, Operation Christmas Child - Charlotte
 5 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 6 NC WMU Day, Operation Christmas Child - Charlotte
 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 6- 7 ABA Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
 8- 9 ABA Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, Nat. Guard Armory
 8-10 Christmas By the Sea Senior Adult Retreat - Caswell
 14 ABA Alexander Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
 19 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
 21 Winter begins
 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Celebration of our Lord's Birthday
 Office Closed (23, 24, 27)
 26 Student Day at Christmas

2004
Alexander Baptist Association
Quarterly Sessions

Winter Session
January 8, 2004
7:00p.m.
Taylorsville First Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 1, 2004
7:00p.m.
Lebanon Baptist Church

Summer Session
July 8, 2004
7:00p.m.
Stony Point Baptist Church

117th Annual Session
October 7, 2004
4:00p.m.
Antioch Baptist Church

HISTORY OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

We last met with Beulah Baptist Church in 1998. Miss Lucy Echerd wrote the history taken from notes of her late father, Charles Echerd. She stated that in 1913 two college students, Lloyd Teague and Frank Austin, held a revival service where there were 20 converts. The revival and the Sunday School were the beginning of the organization called Beulah Baptist Church.

In 1956 the members voted to build a church. Many improvements have been made since that time.

The clerk reports that thirteen have joined the church by baptism and nine have joined by letter since 1998.

Rev. Brent Dula is the present pastor and has served since August 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Florrie Kerley

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1 2002 - August 31 2003

Savings as of August 31 2003.....	\$ 2,761.05
Money Market Account.....	66,320.64
Balance on Hand September 1 2002.....	19,065.71
Receipts toward Budget Requirements.....	68,759.44
Receipts for Non-Budget Items.....	61,630.48
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$149,455.63

Disbursements from Budgeted Funds.....	\$ 88,654.51
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items.....	36,799.76
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$125,454.27

BALANCE ON HAND August 31 2003.....	\$ 24,001.36
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RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....\$ 3,231.13	Mt Herman.....\$ 6,600.00
Bethlehem.....4,300.00	Mt. Olive.....1,146.40
Beulah.....100.00	Mountain Ridge.....-0-
Calvary.....-0-	Pilgrim.....1,441.00
East Taylorsville.....9,340.00	Pleasant Hill.....3,000.00
Hiddenite.....2,730.00	Smyrna.....2,176.15
Lebanon.....2,998.48	Stony Point.....6,234.34
Linney's Grove.....1,400.00	Sulphur Springs.....2,000.00
Little River.....6,203.09	Taylorsville First....2,858.81
Macedonia.....2,400.00	Three Forks.....8,000.00
Millersville.....2,600.04	TOTAL \$ 68,759.44

RECEIPT FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 2,400.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	1,668.00
BSCNC Missions Blitz.....	2,400.00
BSCNC Mein People Group.....	1,600.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	2,600.00
Hispanic Mission Offering-Pleasant Hill.....	1,200.00
Hispanic Mission Offering-Sulphur Springs.....	800.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,113.53
Ying Vang Family Fund (Svgs) reimbursement.....	700.00
Ins. Claim Refund (roof damage).....	2,318.84
Alex.Co.DSS-Christian Women's Job Corps.....	23,970.09
Christian Women's Job Corps.....	2,577.60
Group Insurance Refund.....	5,640.10
Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.....	16.00
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	478.64
Operation Christmas Spirit - Toy Store.....	5,873.06
Honor/Memorial Gifts.....	1,600.00
Christian Crisis Center - One Yr Lease Payment.....	1.00
Van Mileage.....	327.92
Copies/Supplies/Stamps.....	12.40
	\$ 61,630.48

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 1,668.00
Assoc.Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	14,621.50

Group Insurance.....	10,403.03
Retirement.....	945.00
Conference.....	50.00
Christmas Bonus.....	250.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary & CCM.....	1,382.72
DOM: Salary.....	8,803.12
Utilities/Housing.....	5,000.00
Insurance (Medical).....	3,204.30
Retirement.....	120.00
Travel.....	981.85
Ministry Expense.....	-0-
Christmas Bonus.....	500.00
Conventions.....	318.99

OPERATION EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 5,402.18
Equipment (copier, etc.).....	1,835.00
General Supplies (office expense).....	2,418.98
Postage and Box Rental.....	1,604.91
Repairs and Maintenance (roof damage).....	4,166.25
Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability, Workers' Comp.).....	801.56
Miscellaneous.....	200.00
Media Center.....	489.64

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Association Speakers (Annual Meeting, etc.).....	\$ 350.00
Brotherhood/Baptist Men.....	200.00
Christian Life.....	-0-
Deaconship.....	25.00
Discipleship.....	75.00
Evangelism.....	2,161.10
Hispanic.....	62.71
Hmong.....	4,010.57
Key Leadership.....	232.36
Ministers' Conference (Speakers).....	-0-
Ministry (Discretionary Fund).....	13.67
Missions Development Toy Store.....	8,367.82
Operation Inasmuch.....	920.75
Music - Seniors.....	739.04
Pastoral Ministries.....	75.00
Senior Adult.....	202.00
Single Adult.....	29.84
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	120.00
VBS.....	-0-
WMU.....	700.00
Youth.....	2,161.10
Transportation (ins/tag/maintenance/gas) 1986 Bus/2001 Van.....	3,041.52
	<u>\$ 88,654.51</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Taylorsville Savings Bank 2 CD's Hmong Mission.....	\$ 12,000.00
Christian Women's Job Corps.....	20,759.46
BSCNC Hispanic Mission (returned to BSC).....	3,333.30
Bank Service Charge.....	7.00
Ying Vang-Expense for Ying's Dad to visit USA.....	700.00
	<u>\$ 36,799.76</u>

DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT

This year we did not have an Association sponsored Deacon Training Seminar as we did last year and other years in the past; however, some of our churches have used the Deacon Partners In Ministry and Growth Training Program.

This program is available in the Associational Resource Center when not in use. We hope that in the future more churches will use this or some other good deacon training resource to train their deacons to be the servants Our Lord expects us to be. May we look to Him for direction and guidance as we strive to serve in the capacity of deacon.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kerley
Deacon Consultant

BROTHERHOOD/BAPTIST MEN MINISTRY

I would like to thank Mt Herman WMU and the Men's Brotherhood for their help with the meal at the Associational Brotherhood and WMU Training Workshop which was held Thursday night, September 11 2003. With their help it was a great success. There were approximately 70 people attending. Also, thank you leaders for coming to the workshop and showing interest in becoming a better informed and trained leader for your church.

This is my second year as Brotherhood Director for our association and I am finding out more things I should be doing. Macedonia Church has decided to start a Men's Brotherhood this year - Kenneth Mecimore is the Director. Please pray for Macedonia's Brotherhood, and also the Men's Ministry in our county that we may lead by example in service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If I can be of any help, please contact me at my home - 632-2172.



Respectfully submitted,

Don Austin
BAPTIST MEN DIRECTOR

HISTORY OF HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hiddenite Baptist Church was organized on Sunday, June 20, 1915 as twenty-six members met in the old Hiddenite School building. Members were made up of 21 persons from Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, 4 persons from Bethel Baptist Church and Mrs. S. E. Lucas pending a letter from the First Baptist Church, Blacksburg, S.C.

In November 1995 a new educational building was started. A dedication service for the updated Fellowship Hall and the new Educational Building was held November 1996.

Hiddenite Church is very active in Sunday School, Baptist Men, WMU, Youth groups, mission projects, mission trips, music activities, etc.

On March 10, 1999 the church voted to sponsor and share their facilities for a Hmong Ministry which meets in the Fellowship Hall. Janice Sharpe accepted the call to support and sponsor the Hmong Ministry. It is financially supported by Hiddenite Church, Alexander Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention on a monthly basis. This group meets every other Sunday from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall and some of the children, ages 3 through 18, meet on Wednesday nights.

We last met here in July 2000 and the History of Hiddenite Baptist Church prior to that is printed in Alexander Association minutes.

Rev. Horace Moree is Interim Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass

**Alexander Baptist Association
Spring Quarterly Session
April 3, 2003
Hiddenite Baptist Church
Hiddenite, NC**

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator	Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator	Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary
Brenda Robertson, Pianist	Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director	

1. The Bethlehem Baptist Church Praise Team provided the pre-session music.
2. Rev. Keith Childers welcomed everyone to the Spring Quarterly Session and led in prayer. At this point in the history of our nation, we are at war with the armies of Saddam Hussein. Our prayers go out to the men and women of our country serving our country and to the captive people in Iraq. Our prayers are for our leaders and our enemies also.
3. The Bethlehem Baptist Church Praise Team also provided the Call to Worship.
4. Rev. Horace Moree, Host Interim Pastor of Hiddenite Baptist, welcomed everyone to Hiddenite Baptist Church and to the Associational meeting. Rev. Moree led a devotion from Psalm 46 and 2 Chronicles 7:14. Rev. Moree thanked God for allowing him to live 75 years and as a Christian for the past 50 years. In all of his years, he has never seen our country in the mess that we are in. War will not solve the problems of our times. God is our only defense and prayer is our best weapon. We need to use prayer as our weapon and we need to depend on God to see us through any crisis that we face. We need to pray for the following things: our service personnel that are in harms way; the parents of the men and women fighting; the spouses and children of these men and women; our country's leaders that they will seek God's guidance in the decisions that they make and for peace. Rev. Moree closed in prayer after a few moments of silent prayer for the items mentioned.
5. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, welcomed everyone and constituted the session. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill made a motion and Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman seconded the motion to accept the order of services as our agenda for the meeting.
6. Rev. Craig Hamlin announced that A Spring Conference for Seniors will be held on Saturday, May 3 at the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church.

7. Miss Suzanne Goble gave the Attendance report. There were 54 messengers present and 5 guests. A total of 84 were present at the session representing 64% messenger representation. There were thirteen pastors present.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Churches
Antioch	4	1	5
Bethlehem	3	5	8
Beulah	0	0	0
Calvary	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	3	2	5
First Baptist	0	1	1
Hiddenite	3	5	8
Lebanon	4	1	5
Linney's Grove	4	2	6
Little River	3	1	4
Macedonia	4	0	4
Millersville	3	1	4
Mt. Herman	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	4	2	6
Mountain Ridge	3	0	3
Pilgrim	3	1	4
Pleasant Hill	3	0	3
Smyrna	1	0	1
Stony Point	2	0	2
Three Forks	4	2	6
Sulphur Springs	3	1	4
Total	54	25	79

April 3, 2003

Guests	5	84
Pastors Present	13	64%

8. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, introduced Miss Amber Inscore, Gardner Webb University student. Amber is a junior at Gardner Webb University and is a registered nurse. She will be sharing about her work in the campus ministry.
9. Mrs. Shelia Austin led the congregation in a Praise and Adoration Medley consisting of the hymns "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", "His Name is Wonderful" and "Glorious is Thy Name." Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanied the hymns.
10. Miss Amber Inscore stated that when she thinks about ministry as a youth or an adult, she thinks about Jesus. He came to minister to everyone. Miss Inscore read John 2:1-12. The scripture tells us about the first miracle that Jesus performed. When Jesus began His ministry He was thirty. In these verses we see that Christ waited until God led Him to begin His ministry. The scripture also tells us that Jesus performed his first miracle when He was thirty. Jesus had waited on God and did exactly what God wanted Him to do. Each time that Jesus performed a miracle,

Jesus went out to pray alone. We should encourage the youth to listen to God for His direction in their lives. We need to show them that we seek His guidance for our decisions. We see in the scripture that Jesus sought God's direction in everything. We also see in the scripture that Jesus prayed. He was God in the flesh, so why did He need to pray? The human side of Him needed God and He needed that time alone with God. Our human side needs God more than ever.

Mary observed what Jesus did in His life. She paid attention to what Jesus was doing and knew when to point out an opportunity for Him to minister. We need to pay attention to our youth and help them identify ministries and ways to help them.

Miss Inscore shared how that she is part of a Focus team. The team meets all year to plan and pray for ministry. For two weekends a semester, the team goes to help in churches with youth retreats. They also participate in the area around the school. The team participates in Spring Break missions, God and People (GAP) devotions and Mission Impossible. Miss Inscore closed in prayer.

11. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Treasurer's report. Mrs. Glass made a motion to accept the report and Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
12. Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM Director, presented the CCM report. He noted that we have 600,000 Christians among 24 million Iraqis and that we need to pray for that one out of 40 Iraqis that know Christ. He noted several summer mission projects and urged anyone that has not scheduled one to please contact him. Through the Baptist States funds, we have moneys for four to five \$200 to \$250 scholarships to help fund a mission project. The money could be used as seed money for a mission project or to complete an existing project. The prison is to be ready in six months and that will be a major ministry opportunity for our churches. Pastors and leaders are encouraged to think about what areas of involvement that they are interested in. Due to the funding, our prison will share a chaplain. Rev. Jennings will be contacting each pastor in the association to find out how they wish to participate. One area that is known is that of childcare. An idea for a Backyard Bible Club is one way to minister to the children of the inmates. Rev. Jennings mentioned about the need of the families of National Guardsmen and others that are still in the county. The care package shipments to the service personnel have been halted due to security reasons. There is a ministry there for those families in the county.
13. Rev. Jamie Steele, ETBC, provided an update on the Youth Rally. He read scripture from Ephesians about wrestling against principalities. There is a war going on for the souls of the youth. How do we reach them? The Bible. It's the same method of reaching the lost. Rev. Steele shared how that when he was saved, God gave him peace, changed his position and his passion. God also gave him a purpose in his life. Rev. Steele noted that Mr. David Nasser will be the speaker for the Youth Rally. Mr. Nasser was born in Iran during 1979. Rev. Steele shared about brother Nasser's

life and part of his testimony. Rev. Steele encouraged all pastors to promote and encourage this event.

14. Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions, presented the DOM report. He discussed the North American Mission Board Easter Offering. Missionaries are able to give youth, men and women what they need – Christ – because of the monies collected through this offering. Rev. Goble shared a story about one young lady's involvement in World Changers mission, which is under the auspice of the NAMB. Through monies collected by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 2002, 1300 people were saved at 1700 construction sites and 100 ministry places across the world. The offering goal is \$93 million this year.

Rev. Goble requested on behalf of Mrs. Marie Childers, CWJC, mentors for the Stony Point/Hiddenite and Little River/Sugar Loaf areas. The mentors that volunteer have Bible study with their client one day a week and mentor her in life.

Rev. Goble mentioned that the RA car derby was recently held at Bethlehem Baptist Church with four churches involved. The Children's Bible Drill was also held at Stony Point Baptist Church with three churches involved.

Rev. Goble noted that a new "On Missions" packet is available for the churches. The packet is designed for adult and youth alike to be "on mission" for Christ.

15. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, thanked Rev. Goble and Mrs. Bobbi Glass for all their work for the Association.
16. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator lead a discussion on few miscellaneous business items that were discussed at the Executive Council meeting held on March 6, 2003. When the new Resource center was built, the heating and air were installed with a new heat pump. We were told that it would be adequate to serve the entire facility. The old furnace and old air conditioner has been having problems. It was determined that the furnace in the old part of the Associational office and the air conditioner need to be converted to a new unit. The ductwork is full of soot and would cause pollution. The Association has received two quotes to clear out the old ductwork. One quote is \$412 from ServePro of Hickory to clear out the old ductwork. Keever Heating can hookup the new equipment and remove the old equipment for \$800. They would also remove the old ductwork and put up new for \$800. The options presented to the Messengers are: a) to have the ductwork cleaned and the new equipment installed for \$1212 or b) to install all new for \$1600. Rev. Childers opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, made a motion to have the work done to replace all for \$1600. Rev. William Wease, Linney's Grove seconded the motion. Those present approved by a showing of hands.
17. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led a discussion about the Associational office having a leaky roof. We have a \$100 deductible on the insurance. Quotes were received from Brown Construction (\$1745) and Dale Costner (\$1100). A downed

power line also did damage to the guttering, which will cost \$80 to repair. This \$80 would apply towards the deductible. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made a motion to get Dale Costner to do the repairs. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC seconded the motion. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman raised a question about the actual repairs that would be done because of the power line damage. Rev. Bill Goble noted that it would be to replace a portion of the roof. Those present approved by acclamation.

18. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, asked if there were any other business. Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, asked if the Trustee Committee set up for the water right agreement was needed any longer. Mr. Robert Austin did not recall how it was decided to dismiss the committee. Miss Suzanne Goble did not recall either. Rev. Keith Childers suggested that the committee be dismissed. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, made a motion to dismiss the committee and Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
19. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, requested a motion to adjourn the business session. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made this motion and Rev. D.W. Chapman, Mt. Olive seconded the motion.
20. Mrs. Shelia Austin led the congregation in the hymns "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" and "O How He Loves You and Me" with Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanying the hymn.
21. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, introduced Rev. Mark Hunnicutt who is Associate Pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC. He has served as Minister of Families and CARE and has eleven years experience working with young people and families. Rev. Keith Childers also introduced the group Abiding Hope.
22. The group Abiding Hope shared a mini concert including the songs "I Don't Want to Go", "Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble" and "Shout to the Lord". Miss Lydia Millsaps, Linney's Grove; Miss Kelly McDevitt, Bethlehem and Miss Dana Carter, Sulphur Springs, make up the group Abiding Hope.
23. Rev. Mark Hunnicutt thanked Abiding Hope for their music and the Association for the opportunity to be with us this evening. Rev. Hunnicutt led in a message from Matthew 19:13 – 15. We all need to hear this message about ministering to youth and children. We must deal with this message and the church needs to be reminded of it also. We all need to understand and deal with youth and children ministry. Christ wants us to follow Him and God wants us to be like Him. He is not satisfied leaving us where we are. He wants to take us and make us what He wants us to be as long as we are on this side of glory. We never graduate from Sunday School and we never reach spiritual maturity. Repeat "I am not going to trivialize, I must realize my responsibility in ministry to youth."

The scripture takes us to a specific point in Christ's ministry to the children. In the scripture we see that Jesus saw the priority of ministry to children and youth. "Then" is a transition in His ministry. The parents brought their children to Jesus so that He might put His hands on them. This was a tradition of rabbinical Jews to have someone of status to lay hands on their children. Yet, the disciples rebuked them. The followers of Jesus rebuked the people for bringing the children to Jesus because they were busy. But, He saw the need in the children's lives. He told the disciples to let the children come to him. We have two examples that we can follow, the example of the disciples or the example of Christ. Christ saw the priority of ministering to youth. "Then" He stopped and ministered to the children. He saw their needs and knew their condition. The children were deprived of knowing Him as Savior. All children are lost. No matter how sweet we see our children, they are still lost. There is no other way to present the gospel and the good news of Christ to children or adults except through us.

Rev. Hunnicutt shared his testimony. He grew up in church but at the age of 8 he realized that he was deprived of knowing Christ.

In the scripture, Jesus understood the culture. It was anti-Christ culture. Throughout time, there has never been a culture that was pro-Christ. Some might say that we should not be so hard on the disciples. In Matthew 18 we read the "Who is the greatest" discussion among the disciples. They were arguing about which one of them would be the greatest. Christ in our scriptures told the disciples to accept the children and if they could not humble themselves as a little child, then they could not enter into the kingdom. The disciples had an ego problem. Ego stands for E – edging; G – God; O – Out. Christ did not care about an earthly kingdom. He knew of a heavenly kingdom that they knew not of. Ministry to youth and children is a priority. How is it in our churches? Is it for us? Do we trivialize it or do we compartmentalize it? Is it a priority in our ministry and church?

Jesus also understood the probability of children. There is a greater probability of a child accepting Christ than an adult. They will make decisions in their youth that will affect their adult life. Jesus knew the value of stewardship to children and youth. Ninety-five percent of conversions occur during the developmental years. Rev. Hunnicutt asked those present to raise their hand if they were saved before their nineteenth birthday. Over ninety-five percent of those present raised their hands. Rev. Hunnicutt asked the pastors present to look around. He stated that this showing of hands and lives should drive home the need for children's ministry. Polls have also stated that eighty-five percent of people that do not get saved before their nineteenth birthday never will. In 1997, Convention minutes stated that sixty-seven percent of Baptist churches did not baptize one young person. We talk about stewardship. If this message were about missions and 79-million lost people on an island, we would take an offering. We have that many lost young people in our world, why don't we help those also. We have stewardship turned upside down in our churches. Money is spent on adults and not on the children.

Jesus understood the potential of the children. He grasped them. He laid hands on them. He knew what they could do. He knew the lives that they would lead and the souls that they would lead to the kingdom. Ever wonder what would have happened to Daniel, Joshua, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Esther if someone had not ministered to them? Too often we don't see the potential of the youth and we don't understand them. Jesus knew the potential and He made an investment in the children. Jesus wanted to involve the children in the ministry. He invested in them.

"I am not going to trivialize, I am going to realize my responsibility in ministry to youth." When we have that set, then we will have the role of youth and children's ministry in our churches and in our lives. Invest in youth and children's ministry. Rev. Tony Evans says the salvation is free, the ministry is expensive. Understand and get involved in youth ministry. Get our egos out of the way and understand that ministry to children is our responsibility and not someone else.

24. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, spoke just a moment on the sermon and how that the youth are our most valuable resource. Even though Rev. Childers had hoped for more youth at this evenings meeting, the message hit home for the adults present. Sometimes our young people get our attention only when they get into trouble. If they had gotten our attention earlier then they may have not gotten into trouble. They are our most valuable resource. They are not just a part of the church tomorrow. They are a real part of the church today. He spoke about the excitement that showed on the faces of the young ladies of Abiding Hope. As adults, how excited are we about Jesus? Rev. Childers shared a story from his own life about taking time to be with his children. He then encouraged everyone to come forward for an altar of prayer for our youth and children. How long has it been since you got on your knees and prayed for our young people?
25. Mrs. Shelia Austin led the congregation in a hymn of challenge, "Take the Name of Jesus with You." Mrs. Brenda Roberston, pianist, accompanied the hymn.
26. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, expressed his thanks to everyone for coming to the session.
27. Rev. Marvin Yarborough, ETBC, led in a prayer of dismissal and offered a prayer for the refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk

During the course of this year we, as Christians and church congregations, have encountered many challenges and been given many opportunities to take a Biblical stand on issues of our day that affect our Christian values, morals, and family life matters. We are thankful to God that a state lottery has not yet come into existence. Yet, we must resolve to be vigilant in our commitment to make every effort to oppose the creation of a lottery in North Carolina. For the sake of children and families throughout our state we must stand strongly against any effort to bring a legalized lottery into our communities. The price tags associated with gambling are far too high, regardless of how ‘promising’ this option may be presented by those who favor its creation.

In addition, we must continue to be alert to any attempts to introduce legislative bills that would make alcoholic beverages more easily accessible for underage consumption (or more accessible to anyone period). (Current statistics reveal the alarming reality that nationally over ¼ of all alcohol sold is consumed by underage drinkers).

This year has introduced to us issues that we as Christians cannot afford to ignore. The “Marriage Amendment” is an issue that every Christian should be able to support without exception. God’s definition of a “marriage” has always been that of a relationship blessed and sanctioned by God between a man and a woman. Historically this has always been true, as well. As Christians, and as American citizens, we cannot afford to flaunt sin that is viewed as an abomination in the sight of God and hope for God’s continued blessings upon us. The repercussions upon our children, grandchildren, and future generations, as well as society as a whole, are far too tragic to even contemplate our remaining silent on this issue.

In addition, we are once again given the opportunity to speak out regarding the placement of the Ten Commandments in governmental/public buildings. They are still in God’s Word and should be in our lives as God’s people. Sadly, the phrase “the separation of church and state” has become a ‘catch all’ to excuse and defend almost any and every attempt to attack Christian rights and liberties. A simple reading of our

country's earliest historical documents makes it clear that our nation was founded upon Godly principles and God's blessings were sought for this nation by its founding fathers. Separation of church and state was clearly intended to prevent the church from becoming a 'state' church, thus depriving it of its freedoms and autonomy. The intent of this separation was clearly to protect the church from adverse influence and control from the state rather than to protect the state from the influence of the church. As Christians and citizens of this "...one nation under God..." it is our Christian responsibility, right, and privilege to make our voice heard in these and other matters. I encourage each of us to write, call, and in some way notify our governmental representatives of our Christian position in regard to these issues and others that are sure to have an impact upon our Christian life.

**Respectfully submitted,
Keith Childers, Chairman
Christian Life Commission**

Senior Adults Report

Our Senior Adults continue to be busy. With some money in their pocket and wheels for transportation, they are ready to go and do. Retirement is not in their vocabulary as they plan and meet for activities.

On Saturday, May 3rd, we had a Spring Conference at the First Baptist Church Christian Life Center for all seniors in our area. We mailed flyers and reminders to all churches in the Alexander County. There were 80 in attendance as we enjoyed the music, preaching, ate and gave prizes. The speakers were Rev Max Pendleton from Mt. Holly, NC. and Rev Marion Powell from Newton, NC. The singers were The Hometown Harmony and Rodney and Sylvia Boutwell. The meal was provided by the churches and the prizes were given by various businesses.

On July, 31st, Thursday, we had an Ice Cream 'n' Video Party for all seniors at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. The churches brought desserts and we made homemade ice cream. 50 people came and watched "The Kennedy Center" Gaither video and made their own sundae.

These times of fellowship and support are important as we enjoy the Christian life and serve our Lord.

Submitted by Rodney Boutwell



Senior Activities for 2003 and 2004

May 1st, Saturday, 9:00am - 12:30pm
Spring Conference for Seniors
at the First Baptist Christian Life Center
Music, Speakers, Lunch, Prizes

August 5th, Thursday, 6:00pm
Ice Cream Party
East Taylorsville Baptist Church

MEDIA LIBRARY

The majority of the materials in the Resource Center have been processed on the Master Library System computer program. The new materials that have come in over the summer remain to be processed.

As soon as possible these material will be cataloged and ready to be checked out. There are some excellent materials awaiting use.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs Kay White
Media Library Director

EVANGELISM

On May 3 2003 the Associational Evangelism Ministry and Youth Ministry held a joint Youth/Evangelism Rally with David Nasser and Carl Cartee at Alexander Central High School. Attendance was low; however, there were two professions of faith and 20 other decisions for Christ!

On May 4 2003 East Taylorsville Baptist Church hosted a "Praying Your Friends to Christ" day with Marty Dupree from the Baptist State Convention. Marty is a great speaker with a passion to reach people for Christ.

Topics he discussed were:

1. How to Pray for a Lost Person
2. Prayer's Influence on Evangelism
3. Why Should We Pray for the Lost?
4. How to be Lighthouses of Prayer in your Neighborhood

On August 28 2004 East Taylorsville Baptist Church will host a Sunday School Training Day with Dr. Ken Hemphill. This event will be open to the Association churches and surrounding churches. Do not miss this time of training.

For more information on this event or on evangelism-related event, please contact me at jsheel@charter.net.

Praying for revival

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Steele
EVANGELISM MINISTRY

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS of the ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Preamble

We, the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the region of Alexander County, State of North Carolina, unite according to the plan and for the purpose of New Testament churches in our world. To this end and according to the following articles, we cooperate, with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Furthermore, we confirm the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (revised in 1998).

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association, Inc., hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this state is at 223 5th Ave., SW, Taylorsville, North Carolina, 28681, in Alexander County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity, growth, and cooperation among the churches related to the Association and to provide resources, opportunities, and coordination that will encourage and enable the churches, both individually and together, to achieve the objectives and goals toward fulfilling the Great Commission in their community, association, state, nation and around the world.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. The Association shall be composed of each local Missionary Baptist Church in the region desiring membership in the Association. A Missionary Baptist Church shall be defined as follows:

- a) One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association.
- b) Elects and sends messengers to the quarterly meetings.

- c) Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and
- d) Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 2. Voting Messengers: Each member church of the Association shall send four (4) messengers to the Associational sessions composed of the pastor of said member church and three (3) active members of said church, each of whom shall have an equal voting privilege with regard to Associational business.

Section 3. Any church may sever its working relationship with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a member church when without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 1 or when for any reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be inconsistent with the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4. Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

- a) Make application to the Association Credentials Committee for recognition as a member Baptist Church.
- b) Furnish the Credentials Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.
- c) Upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Association in any session, a church may be recognized as a member church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church in the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, with October as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Association year shall begin September 1 and continue through August 31.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator/President to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office. He shall sign all legal documents for the Association as President of the Association.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator/Vice-President to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk/Secretary to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and supervise the printing and distributing of the same. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Association office. The Clerk/Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. The Clerk/Secretary shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Executive Council and serve as its official correspondent. The Clerk/Secretary shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 5. In addition to the above set forth officers, the Association at its April meeting shall elect a leadership team nominated for that purpose.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members shall be elected from the floor in the January quarterly meeting of the Association consisting of no more than one (1) member from any given church.

Section 7. In addition to the election of the officers set forth above, the Association shall elect a Director of Missions who shall serve indefinitely at the discretion of the Association. The election of said Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any duly scheduled meeting of the Association. The termination of the Director of Missions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

An Associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Women's Missionary Union, Baptist Men's Ministry, Music and Youth. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association and those listed in Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the Sunday School

director, Director of Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Baptist Men's Director, Director of Evangelism, and Director of Missions Development, all of which shall be elected by the Associational membership for one year terms. The Executive Council shall be elected annually by the vote of the Associational messengers at its annual meeting. The Executive Council shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3. In case of an emergency, the Executive Council may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4. The Clerk/Secretary shall make a report of the Executive Council proceedings to the Association in session. The report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Council has the responsibility and authority over all personnel matters, except in the hiring or firing process of an Associational Director of Missions. The Executive Council shall also serve as the Search Committee in all personnel matters. Upon hiring, pastors of participating Association churches along with the Executive Council will meet with prospective Associational Directors for interviews. Upon approval of 2/3 majority the candidate will be presented for recommendation of Association.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A majority of enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes of the members present except for the election or dismissal of the Director of Missions.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

If, and when, a change in this constitution or bylaws is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the Executive Council at least three (3) months [one quarter] before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Executive Council to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of the proposed change or changes. The amendment of the constitution and bylaws shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Association present at its annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Meeting of Assoc. Executive Council 6/8/2000 - 7:00 PM)

1. Recommend we move the July Quarterly Meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month to avoid any conflict with the July 4th holiday.

2. Add to the Executive Council the following:

- A. The Parliamentarian
- B. The Association Music Director

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Council
Alexander Baptist Association

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 5, 2000

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you for all your support of our youth. We must continue to reach out to the youth of this county and beyond with the message of Jesus Christ. We will reap a harvest in due season if we do not grow weary and lose heart (Galations 6:9).

This past Spring we worked hard to provide a Youth Rally at Alexander Central High School with an excellent youth speaker and praise band. Attendance was low due to many reasons, although I know those who came were challenged to accept Christ and have a closer walk with Him.

I appreciate all of you who are making a difference in the lives of our youth. I pray that we can continue to work together to reach and disciple as many youth as possible.

Please watch for information about our next Spring Outreach event for 2004. Thanks again for all of you who are reaching out to youth.

Continuing in Christ,

Marvin Yarborough 1 Timothy 4:12
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Resolution Of Appreciation

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Alexander Baptist Association, express our appreciation to East Taylorsville, Beulah, Hiddenite, and Little River Baptist Churches for opening their doors to host the quarterly and annual meetings during the 2002 –2003 associational year. We are grateful for the hospitality extended to us by each of these churches and for the delicious refreshments served at the quarterly meetings and the meal served at the annual meeting. We thank God and each pastor and church member for allowing us to share in worship with them.

Respectfully submitted,
Resolutions Committee
Keith Childers, Chairman
Betty Lovette
Tom Fortner

Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. In May 2003, I attended a Secretary/Clerk conference and learned about changes to the Internet version of the Congregation Profile and to the 2003 Congregation Profile. On Sunday, July 19, 2003, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to discuss and to distribute the 2003 Congregation Profile. Eight of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We plan to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms again this year. This year marks the fifth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had five of the twenty-one churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2002.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise A. Rudisill	-	Antioch
Mrs. Tina Deal	-	Beulah
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mount Herman
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill
Mrs. Kay Durmire	-	Sulphur Springs
Mrs. Janet Linney	-	Taylorsville, First

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of all of the activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

HISTORY OF MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Millersville Baptist Church was established in 1923 and joined the Alexander Baptist Association in 1924. History of the church is recorded in past minutes.

Millersville Church is very mission-minded with all organizations active, and on November 6, 2000 the Millersville Child Development Center was opened under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Canter. A new child development was much needed in this county. The new center provides classes for approximately 80 children.

In 2002 the church went on its first church-wide mission trip to West Virginia where the group conducted three different Backyard Bible Clubs.

In September 2003, Rev Eddie Jolly became the first full-time Associate Pastor/Youth leader.

In September 2003, a Spanish Sunday School and Wednesday evening Bible Study was started. Also, through CVCC on Tuesday evenings a Spanish class meets to teach English to 18 students. A nursery is provided for the parents with children.

The present pastor, Rev Bill Orren, was called to serve in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Glass
Secretary

Historical Facts for Little River Baptist Church

Little River Baptist Church was organized in 1772 and has been a member of the Alexander Baptist Association since 1887.

The Alexander Baptist Association met at Little River Baptist Church for the first time in 1898. Other meetings of the Association held at our church have been in 1934, 1961, 1973, 1983, 1992 and 1999.

Since the last meeting in 1999:

We purchased a new steeple for our sanctuary in March 1999.

We have had several missionaries visit with us and share their testimony.

- In May 1999, Brother Ed Mooney, missionary to Wales, Scotland and several young men from the mission visited with us.
- In March 2000, Brother Danny Reeves, missionary to Mexico visited with us and delivered the message of the Lord in a morning worship service.
- On September 10, 2000, Brother Danny Reeves, missionary to Mexico held the morning worship service.
- Missionaries from the Philippines visited with us in October 2001 and shared their testimonies.
- In January 2002, Brother Danny Reeves, missionary to Mexico visited with us while on furlough.
- In April 2003, Brother Stefan Bankov, missionary to Bulgaria visited with us.

We participated in the 2000 Alexander Association Missions Conference. During the week of March 26, 2000:

- Brother Donald Davis, missionary to Uruguay was our speaker during the morning worship service.
- Brother John Jones, church planter was our speaker during the evening worship service.
- Brother Lucio Moreno, home missionary was our speaker on Monday evening.
- Brother Malcom Massey, foreign missionary was our speaker on Tuesday evening.
- On Wednesday evening, Brother Frank Stark, home missionary was our guest speaker.

Participated in the flood relief assistance following hurricane Floyd and provided Bibles to flood victims. Pastor Jeff Chapman and brother Ricky Brown traveled to the flood area in October 1999. Also participated in flood relief assistance for Eastern North Carolina during 2000.

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We purchased a vehicle for our Pastor in October 1999 and celebrated with our Pastor as he wed Elizabeth Shea Childers on September 9, 2000.

We began remodeling sanctuary in April 2000 and moved our worship services to our Fellowship Hall beginning October 8, 2000.

The remodeling of our sanctuary was completed in 2001 and we held our first worship service in the new sanctuary on April 8, 2001. We had our first baptismal service in the new sanctuary on August 19, 2001 with five baptismal candidates.

We had new church directory photos taken during April 2001.

In August 2001, we changed our Burial Plot Policy.

We purchased a new icemaker, stove and dishwasher for our Fellowship Hall March 2002.

Since 1997, the Kisha White Scholarship Fund has given over \$7,000 to our church members going to college.

Since we last hosted the Alexander Associational Meeting, our church family has continued to be blessed by the Lord in growth. While the Lord has continued to bless us, we have also lost several brother and sisters in Christ. Since 1999, we have had 33 baptisms (8 re-dedications) and 28 other additions. During that time, we have also lost 12 members in death and 11 members to other congregations.

In the four years since we last hosted the Association, our average Sunday School attendance has been 122; our average morning worship service attendance has been 169; and our average attendance at Vacation Bible School has been 104.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless our church family as well as the many other churches in our Association and county.

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**Alexander Baptist Association
116th Annual Session
Thursday, October 2, 2003
Millersville Baptist Church**

**Looking Back with Thanks...
Marching Forward Through Prayer**

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator
Mrs. Brenda Robertson, Pianist

Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director

FIRST SESSION: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

1. Mrs. Brenda Robertson provided the prelude and Millersville choir provided the Call to Worship, **Oh, How I Love Jesus**.
2. Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the 116th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Orren also led in a devotion to begin the session.
3. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, constituted the 116th Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association and requested that we follow the printed order of service as our agenda.
4. Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions, welcomed all visitors, new pastors, new staff members, pastors and guests. Rev. Goble also honored those deceased since last year. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, led the congregation in prayer.
5. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in the song **Praise Him, Praise Him** with Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanying on the piano.
6. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, presented the DOM report and also presented the calendar for 2003-2004. On a motion by Mr. Bob Brewington, Mt. Herman, the calendar was adopted and Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.

Rev. Goble noted that in the Digest of Letters in the Book of Reports, several churches were missing information and urged those churches to submit their information.

7. Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM, noted that his report was on page 12 of the Book of Reports. Rev. Jennings made a motion to accept the report as presented and Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, seconded the motion.

Rev. Jennings noted that application process for the Toy Store starts on October 20 and that it would run through Thanksgiving. He noted several churches that were participating in working at the Toy Store as well as collecting toys for the store.

8. Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk, presented the Attendance report. A total of 56 messengers were present (67%) with 12 pastors. Along with 22 guests representing the churches and 43 other guests, the total attendance was 121.

Church	Number of Messengers	Number of Others	Total Representing Church
Antioch	4	0	4
Beulah	0	0	0
Bethlehem	4	0	4
Calvary	0	0	0
East Taylorsville	4	3	7
First Baptist	2	1	3
Hiddenite	2	0	2
Lebanon	2	0	2
Linney's Grove	3	0	3
Little River	2	1	3
Macedonia	3	0	3
Millersville	3	2	5
Mountain Ridge	0	0	0
Mt. Herman	4	4	8
Mt. Olive	4	0	4
Pilgrim	2	0	2
Pleasant Hill	4	0	4
Smyrna	1	0	1
Stony Point	4	1	5
Sulphur Springs	4	6	10
Three Forks	4	4	4
Total	56	22	78
Guests			43

9. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led a discussion regarding some miscellaneous business. One such item was from the Executive Council regarding the DOM search. The Executive Council request financial aid for any expenses incurred as a result of searching for a suitable successor for Rev. Bill Goble. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, made a motion for the Association to pay for any such expenses and Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
10. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, presented a statement from the Resolution Committee thanking East Taylorsville, Beulah, Little River and Millersville Baptist churches for their hospitality in hosting Annual or Quarterly sessions for 2002-2003. Rev. Childers made a motion to accept this statement and Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Mt. Herman, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
11. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, presented a statement from the Resolution Committee in support of the placement of the 10 Commandments in our public courthouses and other governmental buildings. Rev. Childers made a motion to accept this statement and Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.
12. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, presented a statement from the Resolution Committee in support of the marriage amendment (marriage is a relationship built by God between a man

and a woman) Rev. Childers made a motion to accept this statement and Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, seconded the motion. Those present approved by acclamation.

13. Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill, stated that we should present our Resolution to the Alexander County Board of Education for their next meeting and that they adopt putting the 10 Commandments in the school system. Rev. Childers noted that there was a question regarding the stand of the commissioners and Rev. Lambert noted that the commissioners supported placing the 10 Commandments in the public buildings. It was noted that the School Board has been asked to present their stand, but they have not done so. Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville, stated that as Rev. Lambert pointed out, the School Board has met on this matter and that we should present this as a challenge to them. He noted that civic members signed a petition to the School Board and that members of Millersville Baptist have a meeting scheduled with the School Board in the next few months. Rev. Orren noted that the 10 Commandments as a historical document is a law in NC. He challenged every pastor and church member to go out and support. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, seconded a motion that was made by Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill. Those present approved by acclamation.

Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, mentioned that in order to show our support, we should have the 10 Commandments displayed in our home.

Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, noted that Sulphur Springs had volunteered to put the Pledge of Allegiance in every school but was turned down by the School Board.

14. Rev. Bill Goble, DOM, mentioned the Donor Program that is presented in the packet of information. Rev. Goble also gave a report on the Hmong and Meing missions. The Hmong mission has five individuals awaiting baptism. The Meing mission has several families being ministered to by Three Forks. The State Convention has provided some financial support to the mission and that Three Forks has two men that are willing to work in the mission. Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, asks for prayer for the ministry. They will be meeting this Sunday for the first time as a group.
15. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, noted that some of the resolutions made last year have been sent to our Senate representatives and that all have responded. One representative said that he would not vote the way that we had expressed our desire.
16. Rev. Gary Jennings, CCM, gave a report on Mission Development and in particular the prison ministry. He encouraged each church to begin considering what they can do as far as worship services, Bible study, Backyard Bible Clubs. One thousand inmates are expected and their families.
17. Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, reported that a Pregnancy Crisis Center is missing in Alexander County. A committee is meeting to form a center and they hope to have a facility within the next year. Rev. Schronce asked every to pray about this ministry.
18. Mrs. Bobbi Glass, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer report. Mrs. Glass was unable to distribute copies to everyone (copier retired today!). Mrs. Glass made a motion to accept the report with Rev. Bill Orren, Millersville, seconding the motion. Those present approved the Treasurers report by acclamation.

19. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, expressed the need of prayer for several families: Jack & Scottie Barnes; Keifer Barnes; Lori Marshall and Pam Meade. Several others made mention of prayer requests and Rev. Mike Runion, Three Forks, led the congregation in prayer.
20. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in the song **Count Your Blessings** with Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanying on the piano.
21. Dr. Jack Carver, Bethlehem, delivered a message on "When God's People Pray" from the scripture found in Acts 4:12, 21, 23. Dr. Carver opened his message by sharing how as a young pastor, he was mentored by an older pastor friend. He reminded Dr. Carver not to do anything unless God had told him to do. Pastors can work together, get passionate and get the job done. We have the ability to work and pray to win our country back. We have to get it done!

God is at work and it causes a stir among the people. There is an opportunity to share the gospel, that is the ministry.

Effective preaching – the world is content with preaching, but when it starts to hit home, then folks want the preachers to get quite. Opposition occurred in the scripture time. It was a given that they would face opposition. So, they prayed that focused on their preaching in the future. They were not praying for help with the opposition. They wanted help with boldness with their preaching.

How long has it been since intense praying shook our churches? Maybe it is because we are not intense with our desire to share the world for Christ. In the scripture, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They preached the gospel with boldness. We can do a lot of good things, but the people need to know that we stand for the gospel.

Challenges that we face with sharing the gospel with the lost world: too often is our own hindrance. What are our churches focused on? Get with God and ask him how can we successfully reach the lost. Pray, study, pray. Stick with what God has laid on your heart to reach the lost. If it is your heart and passion and God has laid it on your heart, stick with it. Pray, we must be praying about His plan.

Dr. Carver closed the message in prayer and reminded us to stay focused!

22. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in a Hymn of Commitment **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**. Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanied on the piano.
23. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, presented a status update on the DOM Search. The DOM Search Committee met with Lynn Sasser from the NC Baptist State Convention. The DOM Search Committee presented a questionnaire to those present to be completed and returned at the conclusion of the evening session.
24. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC thanked Millersville for opening their doors for the Annual Session and closed the session for dinner in prayer.

SECOND SESSION – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

25. The Singing Seniors provided the prelude and Call to Worship with a **Procession of the Patriots**.
26. The ACHS Junior ROTC provided the Color Guard presentation and led in the pledges to the United States Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible.
27. During the prelude and Call to Worship, those present with deceased veterans or those with active family members were recognized by through the various armed services.
28. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the second session of the 116th Annual Association meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association. Rev. Childers introduced Rev. J.T. Cline, interim pastor at Hiddenite, to provide the evening devotion and prayer.
29. Rev. J.T. Cline, Hiddenite, opened the evening service in prayer and led the congregation in a devotion from Ephesians 4:11-15. Paul wrote this letter to the church to remind them of what the Holy Spirit has done to put in place what we need in our lives and in our church. The only way that we have spiritual gifts is through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord gave us two great things and the means through which we can see peoples lives changed. If we are going to have a better nation, then we have to have better people. Lives have to be changed. Changed lives should be the theme of everything that we do because that is what God is up to in the world today.

One of the things that God gave us is preaching the gospel and salvation through grace. If people's lives are to be changed, it has to be changed from within. He has given us His means and His methods in disciplining believers. Baptists have a lot of members, but where are they? We all want to see revival in our churches. But what would we do with it? Sad to say that, we often don't know what to do when we have 4 or 5 join the church. We have to train new believers as soon as possible, the first few weeks of their conversion is crucial. If you miss that opportunity, you have lost them as disciples. Jesus Christ trained the disciples one on one. Later he took three to train. He gave us the example to disciple new believers. Rev. Cline gave us a real example of a young saved man that wanted to do what was required for him to be saved. He asked Rev. Cline, "What's next?" He was earnest in his question and is typical of new converts; they do not know what is required of them. Rev. Cline challenged us to do more.

30. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, thanked Rev. Cline for the challenge and Dr. Carver for the challenge in his message earlier in the meeting.
31. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, announced that the Annual Thanksgiving service would be at Millersville this year on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Rev. Bill Orren will be delivering the message.
32. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, asked if there were any other business. Since was no other business, the business session of the meeting was closed.
33. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, repeated the Resolution Committee's reports.
34. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, recognized the past and present Association Leadership team.

35. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, discussed our Theme for this year's session. The Executive Council discussed the many things that we are thankful for over the past year. To name a few:
- Thanks for the work that Rev. Bill Goble has done for us in the past eight years.
 - Thanks for how God has helped our nation.
 - We have to continue to march forward through prayer.
36. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, introduced the video presentation that Rev. Craig Hamlin had produced to honor the men and women serving our country and our families.
37. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, presented a very stirring video presentation. The song **Somebody's Praying Me Through** played throughout the presentation.
38. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, thanked Rev. Hamlin for the presentation and expressed his thanks that we still live in a nation that is under God. God enabled us to be founded as a country and it is God who has sustained us until this hour. Rev. Childers introduced our guest speakers for the evening. Three families in Lebanon have been affected by the war in Iraq. One of the families affected is Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Carolyn) Anderson.
39. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Carolyn) Anderson, Lebanon, spoke about their son, Steven, who had served in Afghanistan and is now in Iraq. Mrs. Anderson shared how the prayers of their church have helped them through this difficult time. She shared when Steven was called into duty on Christmas 2001. He had served in Afghanistan and was home for six months when he was notified that he was to be deployed to Iraq. He is an MP and is guarding prisoners that are very mean to them. Please continue to pray for him and the others that God would bring them home safely. Mrs. Anderson reminded us that God would always be with us.
- Mr. Anderson shared how that God has humbled his heart during this time. The church has been good to them. The song **Trust and Obey** comes to his mind when he thinks about what all is going on in his life. Communications with Steven is poor now so they must trust and obey God. Steven is obeying his call and his duty. Those at home are trusting in God. They do not know what the future hold, but they know who holds the future. Mr. Anderson stated that he is so thankful for the prayers, prayers of all ages that have been said for his son and the many others. Also remember those whose loved ones have been killed.
40. Mrs. Ginger Childers, Lebanon, thanked God for the grace that has been given to this couple and to the others.
41. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Freddie (Cindy Lou) Brock to speak next. Mr. Freddie Brock was sent to Iraq on special services.
42. Mrs. Cindy Lou Brock, ETBC, thanked everyone that prayed for her, without it she would not have made it through. A few weeks into the war, she reached a point where she could not pray and someone prayed for her and she was at peace. A verse from Psalms reminded her that God hears us even though we cannot speak. The saying is true that God will give us the grace that we need when we need it. Her prayer life is more earnest now. When God reminds you of something to pray about, do it right then. Mrs. Brock also learned that she should not take anything for granted. Please continue to pray for those still away from home.

Mr. Brock shared some of the experiences that he had while serving. Several of people have said that they were very lucky and that they were ready. He always told them that it

was through prayers. It was more about being ready with God was on their side. He shared about how many people were praying for him all across the country. Mr. Brock shared about how his Dad cried when he gave him a New Testament. There is nothing like a father's love – our earthly father and our Heavenly Father.

43. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, led the congregation in prayer for those still serving, for those that are home and for those whose loved ones have not made it to their earthly home.
44. Rev. Childers also introduced Rev. David Horton. Rev. Childers shared how that he was indebted to Rev. Horton for the love that he has shared upon him during his first time in Alexander County. Rev. Horton is running for the position of President of the NC Baptist State Convention.
45. Mr. Nathan Hines, Sulphur Springs, sang **God Bless America** as special music. His son is joining the armed services in a year and a half. He is very proud of him.
46. Mr. Jeremiah Jolly, Millersville, shared his God-given talent for playing the fiddle. He played **Jesus Loves Me** and the congregation sang the second verse.
47. Rev. Bill Orren, Mr. Carl Bunton and Mr. Tom Seamone; Millersville, sang **I Want to Die on the Battlefield**.
48. Rev. David Horton, Vice-President of the NC Baptist State Convention and former pastor of Three Forks Baptist Church presented the message of the Lord in the annual sermon. Rev. Horton is pastor of Gate City Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC. Rev. Horton preached a message from Acts 4:24-34 on "How to Make God's House a Powerhouse". We can make God's house a powerhouse only through prayer. In the scripture, Peter and John had been commanded by the Sanhedrin to not preach or teach anymore in the name of Jesus. The response of the church is our scripture passage.

God is a prayer answering God. He moves in response to the prayers of His people. Rev. Horton shared comments from several well know men on prayer. We are to be men and women of prayer and we are to be churches of prayer. God wants our churches to be churches of prayer. Jesus said that our churches are to be houses of prayer for all nations. Everything we do should be anointed and bathed in prayer.

The perspective of mighty prayer sees God as the creator of all things. More important than the prayers that we pray and more important than the people that pray those prayers is the God that we pray to. We must center our attention on the creator. When we pray, we are talking to almighty God and when we talk to God, He is listening. Verse 24 reminds us that we must realize that God is creator of all things. The Sanhedrin had commanded the apostles to stop preaching about God. But, God had commanded them to preach. They chose to obey the Creator. None of the problems that we have are bigger than God. He is bigger than any problem that we will ever have.

Not only is God bigger than everything and is the creator of all things, He is the controller of all things. Verses 25 through 28 remind us that God is in control of everything's. He is the God for whom history is His story. This scripture takes us to the darkest hour that the disciples had ever known – when Christ hung on the cross. Verse 28 tells us that they came together "for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

Calvary was not an accident. Even though it was the darkest hour for mankind, God was still in control. Whatever we are going through, it has not caught God off guard.

God is also the conqueror of all things. God is still on the throne, He rules and reigns. On Calvary, He conquered death, hell and the grave. He literally died and gave up the ghost. Satan and his followers were excited about His death. But praise God; Jesus crashed their party when He rose from the dead. He is so powerful in answering our prayers. He is able to take every situation of weeping and turn it into laughter. He is able to turn mourning into dancing. He is able to take our trials and turn them into triumphant.

The perspective prayer is upon God the Father, himself, there is nothing too hard for God.

The purpose of a mighty prayer is found in verse 29. We are servants of the Lord. To be a servant means to be a slave. A slave has no rights of his own; he is completely surrendered to his master. Rev. Horton shared a story about Joseph Song, missionary to Romania. He was totally surrendered to God in his service. We are to be totally surrendered to God. American Christians talk about commitment. But commitment is where we are in control and surrender is where someone else is in control. Absolute surrender gives the control to another. As God's people, we need raise our hands and surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ and tell him that He is in control. The purpose of mighty prayer is fulfilled when we surrender to Him.

As servants of Jesus Christ, we need to request three things of God on a regular basis if we are going to march forward in prayer:

- Ask Him to help us to express His word. In verse 29, the apostles asked for boldness. They asked for His help in continuing to preach His Word. We have more potential to preach the Word that we have not used.
- Ask Him to help us to extend His hand. In verse 30, they asked go to stretch forth His hand. In Acts 5:12 the answer to their request was answered. Whatever we are praying about we need to be a part of it also. He has no hands, except ours.
- Ask Him to help us to exalt the Son. In verse 30, there is no other name than Jesus Christ. The greatest strategy for church growth is to lift up Jesus Christ.

The power of a mighty prayer is when the spirit is received. When we pray and surrender to the will of God, the spirit is received. The scripture tells that we need to live in a continual state of being filled with the Holy Spirit. We need to let the Spirit of God take control of our lives. We need to live a spirit led life.

The power of mighty prayer is also when unity is achieved. In verse 32, their praying brought them together and they had unity with the Father. We ought to rejoice when we see God doing something in someone else's church. We need to have a unity in the gospel, reaching people for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The power of mighty prayer is also when the gospel is believed. In verse 33, there was great power and unity given to the apostles so that they could share the gospel. There are many that are waiting to hear the gospel. All around we have people that need salvation, which only comes through Jesus Christ. If we would only become people of prayer; march forward on our knees; allow God to make His house a powerhouse and we would genuinely pray the way that God says that we ought to do, then we will be able to do the things that the apostles did in verse 33.

We never stand taller than when we are on our knees before Him. The church is the only army that marches forward for God on their knees. Let's keep marching for Jesus.

49. Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director, led the congregation in a Hymn of Commitment **Onward Christian Soldiers**. Mrs. Brenda Robertson accompanied on the piano.
50. Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator, thanked everyone for their participation and the hospitality. Rev. Childers expressed his joy in being able to server a Moderator.
51. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC, closed the session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Goble, Clerk

Alexander Baptist Association
116th Annual Session
Thursday, October 2, 2003

Looking Back with Thanks.....Marching Forward Through Prayer

Rev. Keith Childers, Moderator
Rev. Bill Goble, Director of Missions
Rev. Craig Hamlin, Vice Moderator
Miss Suzanne Goble, Clerk
Mrs. Shelia Austin, Association Music Director
Mrs. Brenda Robertson, Pianist

Millersville Baptist Church
130 Millersville Church Road, Taylorsville, NC

First Session
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

3:45 P.M. Prelude & Call to Worship. Millersville

Welcome & Announcements. Rev. Bill Orren, Host Pastor
Devotion & Prayer. Rev. Bill Orren, Host Pastor
Constitution of Session & Order of Business. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC
Recognition of Visitors, New Pastors & Staff, Memorials. Rev. Bill Goble
4:25 P.M. - Congregation Hymn. "Praise Him, Praise Him" . . . # 67

Reports

Director of Missions & Calendar. Rev. Bill Goble
CCM. Rev. Gary Jennings, ETBC/CCM Director
Attendance. Miss Suzanne Goble
Treasurer. Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Miscellaneous Business. Moderator

5:20 P.M. - Congregation Hymn "Count Your Blessings" # 231

Message. Dr. Jack Carver, Bethlehem

Hymn of Commitment. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" . . . # 198

DOM Search Committee. Rev. Craig Hamlin, ETBC
Update & Questionnaire

6:00 P.M. - Prayer - Adjourn for Dinner

Second Session
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

6:55 P.M. - Prelude & Call to Worship. "Procession of the Patriots"
Singing Seniors

Color Guard Presentation & Pledges. ACHS Junior ROTC

Congregational Theme Song. "The Star Spangled Banner", . . . # 512

Devotional & Prayer. Rev. J.T. Cline, Stony Point Interim
Welcome, Announcements & Business Moderator
Resolution Committee Report. Moderator
Recognition of Association Leaders - Past & Present Moderator

Introduction of Speakers. Moderator

Testimony. Kenneth & Carolyn Anderson, Lebanon
Freddie & Cindy Lou Brock, ETBC

Music. Millersville

Annual Sermon. Rev. David Horton, Gate City Baptist Church
Greensboro, NC

Hymn of Commitment. "Onward Christian Soldiers", ... # 393

Prayer & Dismissal

Next Quarterly Session
January 8, 2004
Taylorsville First Baptist Church

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Quarterly Sessions

Winter Session
January 8, 2004
7:00p.m.
Taylorsville First Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 1, 2004
7:00p.m.
Lebanon Baptist Church

Summer Session
July 8, 2004
7:00p.m.
Stony Point Baptist Church

117th Annual Session
October 7, 2004
4:00p.m.
Antioch Baptist Church

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Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

2003

Christian higher education represents one of the enduring values of the Baptist State Convention. Since its founding in 1830, North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian higher education through gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget, Baptist State Convention.

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our state and our Lord. A large majority of the students on each campus identify themselves as Baptist. Among those who are Baptist, some are receiving special financial support as a result of your faithfulness to our Convention's mission.

Last year six hundred eighty-seven (687) North Carolina Baptists received special scholarship aid made possible by your gifts to the Convention. This group represents five hundred four (504) different churches and seventy-three (73) different associations.

Churches that give through Optional Giving Plans B & C are helping another special group of North Carolina Baptists. Both giving plans make it possible for the Council to release theological grants to North Carolina Baptists who have heard God's Call and who are engaged in the pursuit of their first professional theological degree. Last year, 320 recipients received this special assistance. As one student told the Council office, "That grant was a major life-saver for me." His comments reflect other students' sentiments, as well.

What does the future hold?

No one knows for sure; but we know that our North Carolina Baptist colleges/universities will continue to receive your students and provide opportunities for them to grow intellectually and spiritually. We can be assured that when they graduate from our campuses, they will carry on with the tradition of those who preceded them through their service to our state and Convention.



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Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Baptists make a difference... This summer Baptist Children's Homes had a very special guest on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Many Baptists will remember Patricia Sutherland. She has shared her story at multiple state conventions, and her life has been shared in *Charity & Children* on a couple of occasions. Patricia is a beautiful young woman and a rising senior at Toccoa Falls College in northern Georgia. Looking at Patricia today, you would not recognize her as the same little girl who came to Baptist Children's Homes 11 years ago.

As a young child she lived with abusive, alcoholic and drug-addicted parents who forced her to lie about their abuse. The little girl was threatened with a pistol held to her head and made to sleep on cold hardwood floors. Her abuse and neglect were compounded by a severe medical condition. Because her parents were unable to properly care for Patricia, she went months at a time without the daily medication she so desperately needed.

Then one day, Patricia found the security she had longed for at our Broyhill Home in Clyde. But even at Broyhill Home her life wasn't easy. Patricia has Turner's syndrome, a condition affecting her balance and coordination and stunting her growth. Because she was awkward and clumsy, other children made fun of her at school. But her physical problems only seemed to make her stronger.

While at Mills Home this summer, Patricia was asked to share her story with the girls on campus. She boldly assured them that God has a plan for their life. But then she challenged the girls by telling them it is their choice. They can put their past behind them and trust God and follow His lead, or they can wander through life lost.

Because of your help, children like Patricia are rescued from the jaws of hopelessness and despair, set on solid ground, supported by loving Christian men and women, and are given hope so they can realize their dreams – dreams that at one time in their lives, they could never imagine were possible.

Baptists Respond to Needs Donating Towels, Bedding and Food. If you ask North Carolina Baptists for help, expect them to provide in a big way. When the word went out to North Carolina's WMU that Baptist Children's Homes needed towels and washcloths, hundreds of women in churches across the state provided them. Towels and washcloths flooded in to all BCH locations. When Baptists learned that pillows and sheets were needed in BCH cottages, an avalanche of bedding poured in. And BCH's first statewide food roundup is bringing great enthusiasm and response.

14,640 Baptists Pray for North Carolina Children. More than one hundred BCH children and staff presented the Chain of Prayer at the 172nd Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. The chain consisted of 14,640 strips of brightly colored paper inscribed with the written prayers of North Carolina Baptist men, women, and children. Each prayer made up an individual link in the Chain of Prayer. The effort was a BCH initiative and was promoted in North Carolina Baptist churches. The Chain of Prayer united thousands of people and represented their belief in the power of God to meet the needs voiced in the prayers.

BCH Hosts National Child Care Executive Meeting. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina hosted the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Child Care Executives April 22-24 in Greensboro. Directors and other top management of Baptist child care agencies representing as many as 19 states attended the annual meeting. The conference serves as a time of fellowship and continuing education for participants. A highlight took place Wednesday evening with "pig-pickin' in Mayberry" at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and staff recreated the sights and sounds of the popular sixties television program *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Historic Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc. Mills Home in Thomasville, BCH's oldest facility and flagship campus, suffered major damage due to one of the worse ice storms to ever hit the Piedmont. The cost due to the loss, cleanup and repairs reached tens of thousands of dollars. No injury or harm came to the children and staff. Duke Power called the ice storm the worst in its 100-year history. Parts of the campus remained without electricity for as long as five days. Baptists from across the state sent funds and relief groups to aid in the clean-up efforts reducing the storm's economic effects.

North Carolina Baptist Church Donates Property and \$100,000 to Help Build a New Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Asheville's Calvary Baptist Church dedicated property they donated to Baptist Children's Homes and presented \$100,000 to help construct the Alverta Bolick Home for developmentally disabled adults on June 8, 2003. The financial gift was made possible through the generosity of the late Alverta Bolick. The group home will be built adjacent to the church and provide a home for six residents.

Baptist Children's Homes Faces Serious Financial Challenges. This year, Baptist Children's Homes took necessary actions to offset further economic hardships. With an overwhelming decline in income and a projected budget deficit of \$4 million for fiscal 2003-2004, BCH cut the 2003-2004 budget (effective October 1, 2003). The cuts resulted in the closing of one or more cottages in four of BCH's Family Service Areas, the closing of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the elimination of the agency's Intensive Family Preservation Services, and a reduction of 68 and one half budgeted positions. (Due to positions currently vacant and the reassignment of some staff, the actual net loss of people was 31.)

BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. Although facing critical financial times, BCH holds true to its mission of *"helping hurting children... healing broken families."*

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. ***Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.***

Michael C. Blackwell, President
James D. Goldston, III, Board of Trustees Chair
Fall 2003

Biblical Recorder

2003 Associational Report

The *Biblical Recorder* is celebrating its 170th anniversary in 2003 by remaining true to its original mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The world is far different than it was when Thomas Meredith founded the *Biblical Recorder*, but the importance of communication and conversation among Baptists remains unchanged, and the current landscape has many similarities with the one Meredith faced in 1833. Baptists were struggling for growth and shaping their identity in 1833. In time, Baptists came to dominate the denominational landscape of North Carolina, but a variety of societal, demographic and other changes have diminished the overall Baptist presence once again.

And, as early Baptists were often divided over theology, with some clinging to predestination while others championed free will, today's North Carolina Baptists face a changing landscape that features a variety of ways to express our Baptist identity. It has never been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for editorial writing in 2000, for design in 2001, and for news writing in 2000, 2001, and 2002 -- including the association's grand prize for news writing in 2001.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web at www.biblicalrecorder.org. The Web site provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

The Web presence became even more important in late 2003, as the *Recorder* shifted from a publication schedule of 40 issues per year to 27 regular issues plus periodic special issues. The move, made as a matter of stewardship, coincided with the addition of new features and improvements to the Website, including more frequent news updates.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost. Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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Making Life for Older Adults... the "Best of Times"

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to move forward with strength in meeting the needs of North Carolina's fastest growing age group ... its senior population. Of particular interest to North Carolina Baptists, are the growing numbers of Older Adults who deal with dementia-related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. In North Carolina, approximately 50 percent of those who reach age 85 struggle with some measure of dementia. The Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, and the Memory Enhanced Residence at the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community provide environments designed to "enhance" and "retain" the short and long-term memory of those struggling with such disorders. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House also provide exceptional programs for Older Adults with dementia.

The picture shared with this report reflects the kind of environments mentioned above that allow residents to receive care in a setting that feels like Home.

Because of the generous financial support received from North Carolina Baptists for the convention's "poor elderly" population, Baptist Retirement Homes has been able to provide more than \$1.7 million in benevolent care in 2002. Thank You, North Carolina Baptists!

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Concord 704.788.6510

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Report to 2003 the Associations



BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: EXTENDING THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST

North Carolina Baptist Hospital admitted its first patient on May 30, 1923, culminating a vision of the Baptist State Convention to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Eighty years later, in 2003, we remain firmly committed to the original mission of providing the highest quality medical care marked by excellence, integrity, innovation, and compassion consistent with the teachings of Christ. This report highlights our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. Since that time every dollar of every gift has been used for that purpose—caring for children like Haleigh in her battle with cancer, and adults like Wade and Vickie. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and many others just like them. Please read their inspiring stories of thankfulness in the new Mother's Day Offering web site (www.ncbhmothersday.org). *Thank you*, North Carolina Baptists, for giving \$600,372 to this ministry in 2002!

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The fruits of Cooperative Giving by North Carolina Baptists are evidenced in life-changing ministries of the School of Pastoral Care. Our mission is "*to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ.*" *Thank you*, North Carolina Baptists, for extending the healing reach of Christ to thousands of hurting people through our ministries.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our **Department of Pastoral Counseling**, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The Center for Congregational Health has continued to develop vital ministries. Nearly 600 church leaders received training in the past year through the Center's programs of *leadership development*. "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" and "Young Leaders" programs have proven to be highly beneficial for N.C. Baptist ministers, deepening their faith as spiritual leaders for their churches. Approximately 25 churches per month have benefited from the Center's *consulting ministry*. Initial, expert consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches thanks to Cooperative Giving. *Intentional Interim ministers* trained by the Center continue to serve churches in our state, across the nation, and Australia. Mentoring programs for young ministers are also being provided.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides ministry to patients, families, and staff through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts each year, extending great compassion and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Specialized training in hospital ministry was provided to 63 students in the past year, making our Clinical Pastoral Education program one of the largest in the nation.

The Department of Church and Community Relations receives no Cooperative Program funds, but serves as a vital liaison to N.C. Baptist churches. The department ministers to over 150 Baptists per year by facilitating physician appointments or helping others with concerns about medical bills. Many of those who are helped have no health insurance and are burdened by financial need.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families –

- Baptist Hospital provides a **subsidy of up to 25%** for the hospital bills of N.C. Baptist ministers and their families. This amounted to \$79,248 in FY 2003. The subsidy comes from the hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with assistance from the Mother's Day Offering as needed.
- The **Ministers Care Plan** provides a subsidy to full-time, ordained ministers serving North Carolina Baptist churches, and their immediate family members, who need the support of counseling to recover from emotional pain and stress. Clients pay \$20 per session at a CareNet Counseling Center. The Baptist State Convention and CareNet pay for the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

Ranked Among the Nation's Best Hospitals

- North Carolina Baptist Hospital is ranked in the top 50 among **"America's Best Hospitals"** according to the July 2003 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Our hospital continues to be ranked in the **top 1 percent in patient satisfaction** among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, the health care industry's top patient satisfaction measurement firm.
- We continue to be recognized as a **Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing**, demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership and high quality patient care. Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to earn this recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.
- Our Medical Center's cancer treatment programs are ranked 21st in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*. A **new facility for our Comprehensive Cancer Center** is under construction and due to open in June 2004. Patients will receive coordinated care, such as required tests, scans, and treatment, in a single visit.

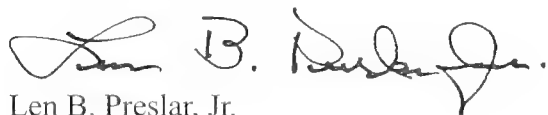
Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 316-716-2255.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow his example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2003, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 23 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$633,000 and received \$2.7 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$2.0 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$5.3 million in contributions during 2003 for Christian causes.

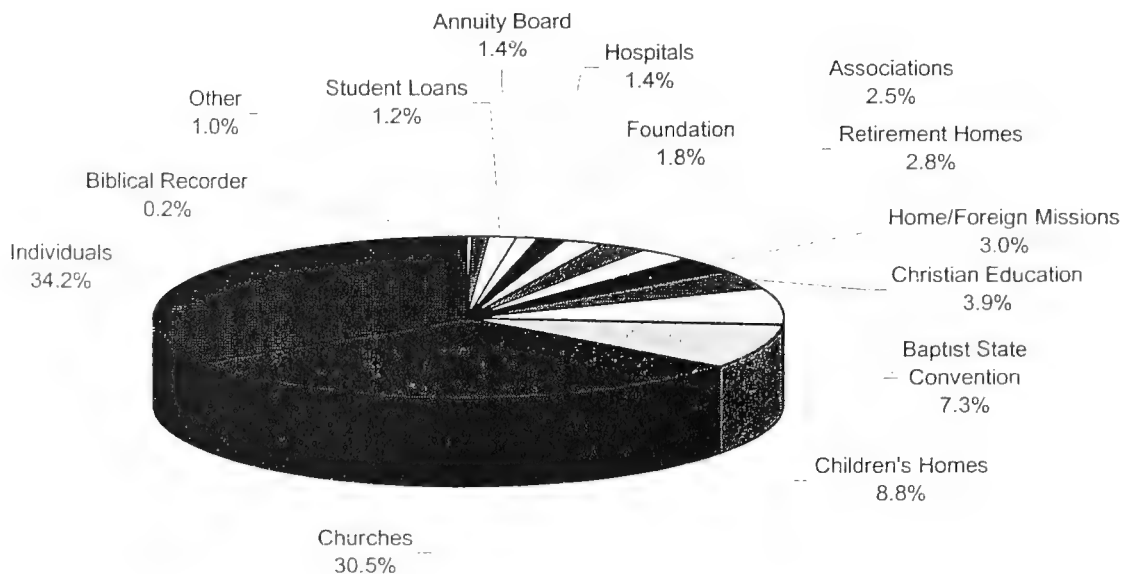
The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2003, the Foundation held \$112.9 million under management.

During 2003, our distributions totaled \$5.7 million, with charity receiving \$3.8 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$1.9 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$25 million has been distributed to individuals and \$44.1 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$69.1 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors

M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

2003 Distributions



Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Antioch – Completed renovation of our 1941 building. Phase II is underway which includes a new education building and fellowship hall.

East Taylorsville – Became debt free

Taylorsville First – Homecoming Celebration – 151st year.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk



Historical Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1887	Macedonia	W.J. Bumgarner	J.M. Hendren	W.W. White
1888	Antioch	J.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1889	Bethel	J.B. Poole	J.W. Hendren	W.E. White
1890	Concord	D.W. Poole	L.P. Gwaltney	T.A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W.J. Bumgarner	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J.P. Gwaltney	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J.M. Shaver	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D.W. Poole	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J.A. White	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L.P. Gwaltney	J.J. Hendren	T.A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J.J. Reach	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D.W. Poole	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R.L. Davis	W.E. White	T.A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R.L. Davis	J.W. Watts	E.S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O.A. Keller	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1908	Concord	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J.M. Shaver	J.W. Watts	J.J.H. Poole
1910	Dover	L.P. Gwaltney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J.M. Shaver	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G.Z. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W.E. Linney	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D.W. Poole	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W.J. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E.V. Bumgarner	J.W. Watts	R.L. Downs
1918			J.W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B.F. Austin	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T.H. Williams	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T.E. Payne	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L.E. Barnes	J.L. Gwaltney	R.W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J.W. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1924	Concord	J.S. Stephenson	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J.M. McAlpine	J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J.L. Gwaltney	R.L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J.H. Boggs	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J.W. Rash	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C.C. Holland	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J.L. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S.I. Watts	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A.T. Howell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E.V. Bumgarner	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F.A. Pennell	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G.C. Teague	J.L. Gwaltney	R.B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C.C. Holland	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T.L. Blalock	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1941	Pilgrim	J.C. Gwaltney	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E.C. Shoe	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod

1943	Damascus	E.V. Bumgarner	A.E. Watts	R.B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H.L. Good	E.C. Shoe	W.C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E.C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E.C. Shoe	A.C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A.E. Watts	A.C. Payne	H.L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A.B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W.W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W.O. Johnson	E.V. Bumgarner	W.W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J.A. Icenhour	A.B. Bumgarner	J.L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J.L. Wells	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J.R. Lail	H.L. Good	J.L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R.L. Dixon	J.R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H.L. Good	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W.O. Warren	A.E. Watts	W.O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I.V. Couch	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H.M. Carter	R.M. Grant	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W.O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R.L. Dixon	W.O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W.O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W.O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W.O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Wilis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A.D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A.D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
1975	Pilgrim	Grady Kerley	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville			
1976	Mt. Herman	Ray Shumate	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Three Forks			
1977	East Taylorsville	Kenneth Lambert	Ronald Rowe	Mildred Chapman
	Antioch			
1978	Hiddenite	Richard Hicks	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	First Taylorsville			
1979	Macedonia	D.L. Bumgarner	Marshall Sargent	Carol Cockrell
	Lebanon			
1980	Grace	Dennis Spivey	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Beulah			
1981	Poplar Springs	Leroy Clack	Richard Hicks	Eline Lackey
	Pleasant Hill			
1982	Oxford Memorial	Gary Jennings	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Mt. Olive			
1983	Millersville	Robert Boggs	Kenneth Lambert	Eline Lackey
	Little River			
1984	Antioch	Cecil Lovelace	James Pierce	Eline Lackey
	Three Forks			
1985	Bethlehem	James Pierce	James Pierce	Janet Cash
	Linney's Grove			
1986	Smyrna	Ken Walters	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	Mt. Herman			
	Stony Point			
1987	Macedonia	Keith Childers	Dwight Austin	Emilyn Wagner
	East Taylorsville			
	Oxford Memorial			
1988	Poplar Springs	Dwight Austin	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite			
	Grace			
1989	Millersville	Michael Blevins	Dennis Spivey	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Mountain Ridge			
1990	Three Forks	Terry Ashe	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	First Baptist			
	Mt. Olive			
1991	Lebanon	C. David Boan	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch			
	Pilgrim			
	Antioch			
1992	Little River	David Horton	Kenneth Kerley	Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove			
	Bethlehem			
1993	Mt. Herman	Larry Blakley	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Stony Point			
	Smyrna			
1994	Grace	Michael Blevins	Kenneth Walters	Emilyn Wagner
	Macedonia			
	East Taylorsville			
1995	Hiddenite	Larry Allen	Joe McDuffie	Emilyn Wagner
	Pleasant Hill			
	Millersville			

1996	Mt. Olive.....Keith Childers.....Joe McDuffie.....Emilyn Wagner
	Three Forks
	First Taylorsville
1997	Bethlehem.....Charlie Fouche.....Marion Powell.....Emilyn Wagner
	Antioch
	Lebanon
1998	Pilgrim.....Michael Runion.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Hiddenite
	Beulah
1999	Little River.....William Wease.....Gary Jennings.....Emilyn Wagner
	Linney's Grove
	Bethlehem
2000	Millersville.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Smyrna.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Hiddenite.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt. Herman.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
2001	Mountain Ridge.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Three Forks.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Macedonia.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
	Pleasant Hill.....Kenneth Kerley.....Suzanne Goble
2002	Lebanon.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Sulphur Springs.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Mt Olive.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	East Taylorsville.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
2003	Beulah.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Hiddenite.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Little River.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble
	Millersville.....Keith Childers.....Suzanne Goble

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Member/Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2003																											
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina		Director of Association Missions Rev. William O. Goble, Jr. Address P.O. Box 875 Taylorsville, NC 28681		County	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Churches		Pastors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)			MEMBERSHIP		TOTAL	Resident Members	TOTAL BAPTISMS	Baptisms Under 6	Baptisms Ages 6-8	Baptisms Ages 9-11	Baptisms Ages 12-17	Baptisms Ages 18-29	Baptisms Ages 30-59	60 & Up	Other Additions	New Member Training	Year Organized	Year pastor Came	Location (A-J)	AM Worship Service Attendance	Church-Type Missions Started	Ch.-Type Miss. Oper.	Lost/Unchurc ed (Y/N)	Assoc. Missions on % Basis (Y/N)	Interces- sions
Antioch		Rev. David M. Treadway 524 Antioch Church Road Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	572	488	19	0	0	7	4	2	6	0	24	28	1826	2003	A	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Bethlehem		Dr. Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	1,063	1,032	45	0	8	4	18	3	12	0	14	43	1871	2000	G	392	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Beulah		Rev. Brent Dula 605 Linney's Mountain Road Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	247	136	11	0	0	2	3	2	3	1	6	9	1916	2001	D	65	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Calvary		Rev. Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	297	295	10	0	0	1	4	1	4	0	3	0	1948	1988	C	299	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
East Taylorsville		Rev. Craig Hemlin P.O. Box 906 Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	1,525	1,395	28	0	7	6	4	5	5	1	42	10	1924	1996	C	521	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Hiddenite		Rev. Horace Moore, Interim 203 NW 3rd Street Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	323	147	5	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1915		C	110	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Lebanon		Rev. Keith Childers 3663 Robinette Road Taylorsville NC. 28681	Alexander	201	136	6	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1884	1985	A	110	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Linney's Grove		Rev. William Wease 158 Jennings Road Statesville, NC. 28625	Alexander	213	196	5	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	1895	1991	A	110	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	N	
Little River		Rev. Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	375	363	8	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	8	7	1792	1997	A	173	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Macedonia		Rev. Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	170	170	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0	1840	2000	A	150	0	1					
Millersville		Rev. Bill Orren 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	812	730	19	0	0	4	7	0	8	0	10	0	1923	1997	B	325	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mountain Ridge		Rev. David Chapman 47 Poplar Valley Lane Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander																								
Mt. Herman		Rev. Paul Schronce 4066 US 64/NC 90 Hwy West Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	285	224	7	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	4	5	1912	1999	A	140	0	0	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Mt. Olive		Rev. Doris W. Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	156	94	11	0	4	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	1865	2000	A	56	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	
Pilgrim		Rev. Jerry Gwaltney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC. 28636	Alexander	208	160	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1837	1991	A	125	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pleasant Hill		Rev. Darren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	314	267	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1852	1997	A	141	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Smyrna		Rev. Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	232	200	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	8	0	1923	1987	A	125	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	N	
Stony Point		Rev. J.T. Cline, Interim PO BOX 198 Stony Point, NC. 28678	Alexander	624	548	9	0	0	6	0	1	2	0	1	0	1909		A	230	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sulphur Springs		Rev. Steve Parks 82 Patterson Road Hiddenite, NC. 28636	Alexander	345	345	18	0	4	4	4	3	3	1	10	0	1887	1994	A	195	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Taylorsville First		Rev. Roger D. Underwood P.O. Box 305 Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	596	403	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	0	1851	1998	C	198	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Three Forks		Rev. Michael Runion 28 Chapman Mill Road Taylorsville, NC. 28681	Alexander	709	603	20	0	3	3	3	3	1	10	0	9	0	1887	1998	A	239	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	
TOTALS					9,267	7,932	240	0	36	45	63	29	62	5	174	102				4,004	0	1					
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					8,966	7,714	180	0	29	43	36	25	41	6	126	33				3,948	0	1					

Miscellaneous Congregational Information Year Ending 08/31/2003																					
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Director of Association Missions Rev. William O Goble, Jr. Address P O Box 875 Taylorsville, NC 28681		County	Ongoing Bible Study	38	40	41a	41b	41c	41d	41e	42a	42b	42c	42d	42e	43a	43b	43c	43d	44
Churches	Pastors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)																				
Antioch	Rev. David M. Tradway 524 Antioch Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	25		3				1			Y				AYCP		AYCP	0
Bethlehem	Dr. Jack Carver 7500 NC Hwy 127 Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	68	3					2								AC	AY	AC	0
Beulah	Rev. Brent Dula 605 Linney's Mountain Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	10		3											YCP		AYC	0
Calvary	Rev. Stephen Dagenhart 191 Airport Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	1		3														1
East Taylorsville	Rev. Craig Hamlin P.O. Box 906 Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	7					2				Y				AYCP	A	AYC	0
Hiddenite	Rev. Horace Moree, Interim 203 NW 3rd Street Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	2				Y		AY	YC			0
Lebanon	Rev. Keith Childers 3663 Robinette Road Taylorsville NC 28681		Alexander	0				3													0
Linney's Grove	Rev. William Wease 156 Jennings Road Statesville, NC 28625		Alexander	1	10		2				1							AYC			1
Little River	Rev. Jeff Chapman 310 Old Landfill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	Y					AYCP				0
Macedonia	Rev. Dan Spears 63 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	25																0
Millersville	Rev. Bill Oren 347 Macedonia Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	1		3														0
Mountain Ridge	Rev. Paul Schronce 4086 US 64/NC 90 Hwy West Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	10		3											YCP		AYC	1
Mt. Olive	Rev. Doris W. Chapman 277 Archie Mountain Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	20																0
Pilgrim	Rev. Jerry Gwaltney 630 Ramie Mitchell Road Hiddenite, NC 28636		Alexander	0	15		2														0
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Darren Lambert 67 Pleasant Hill Church Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	5		1														0
Smyrna	Rev. Michael Barber 22 Woodfield Drive Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	8	1	3														0
Stony Point	Rev. J.T. Cline, Interim PO BOX 198 Stony Point, NC 28678		Alexander	0	10		3				3						AY	AYCP		A	0
Sulphur Springs	Rev. Steve Parks 82 Patterson Road Hiddenite, NC 28636		Alexander	0	6		3									Y	P	YCP			0
Taylorsville First	Rev. Roger D. Underwood P.O. Box 305 Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander	0	12	1															0
Three Forks	Rev. Michael Runion 28 Chapman Mill Road Taylorsville, NC 28681		Alexander																		0
TOTALS					174	2	35	0	7	8											3
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					163	1	35	1	8	6											8

Bible Study/Sunday School Info. Year Ending 08/31/2003																
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Association Sunday School Director Rev. Paul Schronce Address P.O. 697 Taylorsville NC 28681															
	Sunday School Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)															
	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18		
	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Preschool Birth-5	Children 6-11	Youth 12-17	Adults 18-24	Adults 25-34	Adults 35-54	Adults 55-64	Adults 55-Up	Gen. Officers	Other Bible Study	SS Avg. Weekly Attend.	SS Not Cong. Members	Vacation Bible School		
Churches																
Antioch	277	25	44	35	10	39	65	24	32	3	0	184	0	238		
Bethlehem	688	33	62	127	50	34	221	57	82	7	15	369	107	355		
Beulah	69	8	7	10	3	11	12	4	10	4	0	42	4	71		
Calvary	208	32	37	26	7	26	32	20	28	0	0	156	9	186		
East Taylorsville	659	78	82	92	19	81	128	140	31	8	0	420	25	243		
Hiddenite	140	25	17	22	18	10	14	12	19	3	0	73	10	105		
Lebanon	98	9	8	16	20	9	19	8	9	0	0	82	0	75		
Linney's Grove	116	9	14	18	10	6	38	17	2	2	0	101	12	105		
Little River	183	18	11	13	13	22	62	20	21	3	0	126	27	117		
Macedonia	71	7	14	0	8	0	15	0	24	3	0	48	0	110		
Millersville	372	49	64	37	19	41	100	48	14	0	0	232	3	300		
Mountain Ridge	0															
Mt. Herman	174	12	30	22	5	14	24	24	38	5	0	120	0	140		
Mt. Olive	36	2	6	10	0	2	4	2	10	0	0	30	0	55		
Pilgrim	93	8	8	6	7	8	22	12	19	3	0	72	0	70		
Pleasant Hill	132	10	14	18	16	17	21	16	19	1	0	95	21	106		
Smyrna	91	15	18	10	0	10	15	9	9	5	0	70	0	90		
Stony Point	324	34	38	44	19	45	38	43	58	5	0	162	0	211		
Sulphur Springs	208	26	20	20	44	20	20	29	23	6	0	153	20	194		
Taylorsville First	246	24	28	16	8	22	27	53	66	2	0	139	10	186		
Three Forks	312	43	30	31	27	25	39	63	51	3	0	233	0	120		
TOTALS 4,497 467 552 573 303 442 916 601 565 63 15 2,907 248 3,077																
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS 4,521 471 537 550 275 479 914 725 481 68 21 2,891 185 2,978																

Discipleship Training Information Year Ending 08/31/2003													
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Discipleship Training Director Mrs. Barbara Starnes Address 225 Cheatham Ford Road Hiddenite, NC 28636												
	Discipleship Training Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)												
Churches	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	Add	
	TOTAL ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING	Ongoing Presch. B-5	Ongoing Child. 6-11	Ongoing Youth 12-17	Ongoing Adult 18 & Up	Discipleship Training Gen. Officers	TOTAL SHORT- TERM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING	Short-Term B-5	Short-Term 6-11	Short-Term 12-17	Short-Term Adults & Gen. Off.	TOTAL DT ENROLLMENT/ PARTICIPATION	
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	5	20	40	40	105	
Beulah	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	2	3	4	9	
Calvary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
East Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Linney's Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Little River	79	5	8	15	48	3	0	0	0	0	0	79	
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Millersville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mountain Ridge													
Mt. Herman	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	3	10	13	
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Smyrna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stony Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	69	69	
Sulphur Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Taylorsville First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Three Forks	167	19	16	32	96	4	0	0	0	0	0	167	
TOTALS													442
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS													787

Music Ministry Information Year Ending 08/31/2003							
Association: Alexander	Associational Music Director Mrs. Sheila Austin						
State: North Carolina	Address 131 Ginger Creek Lane Taylorsville, NC 28681-7807						
Churches	Music Directors & Addresses (Include Zip Code)						
Antioch		21	21a Preschool 3-5 yrs.	21b Children 6-11 yrs.	21c Youth 12-17 yrs.	21d Adult Choirs 18 & Up	21e Other Music Groups
Bethlehem							
Beulah		113	15	30	21	36	11
Calvary		110	0	33	24	53	0
East Taylorsville		48	0	2	8	19	19
Hiddenite		227	25	26	23	92	61
Lebanon		152	20	27	15	72	18
Linney's Grove		69	10	23	12	20	4
Little River		73	3	10	4	29	27
Macedonia		45	3	12	0	30	0
Millersville		123	15	3	14	83	8
Mountain Ridge		35	5	8	2	20	0
Mt. Herman		111	17	26	23	45	0
Mt. Olive							
Pilgrim							
Pleasant Hill		44	0	17	0	27	0
Smyrna		29	0	4	7	18	0
Stony Point		44	8	5	8	23	0
Sulphur Springs		75	15	25	6	29	0
Taylorsville First		65	5	10	10	32	8
Three Forks		86	4	20	0	44	18
		92	12	20	10	45	5
		81	8	15	4	30	24
		87	10	12	10	55	0
TOTALS							
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS							
1,709							
1,769							
201							
189							
802							
816							
203							
210							

Missions Involvement/Education (Includes WMU & Brotherhood) Year Ending 08/31/2003		22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25	
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	MISSION PROJECTS PART	22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23	23a	23b	WMU				WMU Missions	TOTAL BROTHERHOOD ENROLLMENT	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18 & Up	Mission Action Groups	Other Missions Education
										Enrollment	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17							
Churches	WMU Director & Addresses (Include Zip Code) / Brotherhood Directors & Addresses		Local Community	State/National	US/Canada	International	TOTAL WMU ENROLLMENT													
Antioch	Mrs. Vivie Cline, 858 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681-7938																			
	Mr. William Brewer, 318 Whitson Hill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	260	50	60	10	140	103	9	16	11	55	12	0	49	11	13	25	0	0	
	Mrs. Wanda Ledford, 387 Whitson Hill Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-9710																			
Bethlehem	Mr. Ed Jacobs, 39 Pleasant Court, Taylorsville, NC 28681	190	60	20	100	10	59	10	12	12	0	6	19	60	20	0	40	0	0	
	Mrs. Melinda Fox, 102 7th Street, SW, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	None	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Beulah	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Calvary	Mrs. Mary Ann Winchell, 21 Oakdale Drive, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Kenny Jones, 215 18th St NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	801	350	125	26	300	84	10	20	0	45	9	0	80	0	0	80	0	0	
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Jane Corley, 460 Sharpe Mill Road, Hiddente, NC 28636																			
	Mr. Lee Siniard, 94 Church Road Ext., Hiddente, NC 28636																			
	None/None	50	14	14	13	9	26	0	0	0	24	2	0	24	0	2	0	22	14	
Hiddente	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	None/None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lebanon	Mrs. Vlas Reese, 89 Luther Stafford Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Guy Kerley, 520 Black Oak Ridge Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	17	14	2	0	1	27	0	3	1	0	4	19	13	0	0	10	3	0	
Linnay's Grove	Mrs. Diane Fox, 92 S. Bethlehem Terrace Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Eric Fox, 221 Fox Den Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	50	50	0	0	0	94	22	15	12	39	4	2	64	16	0	28	20	0	
Little River																				
Macedonia																				
Millersville																				
Mountain Ridge																				
Mt. Herman	Mrs. Florie Kerley, 1330 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Kenneth Kerley, 1330 All Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	8	8	0	0	0	41	5	7	0	28	1	0	21	4	0	17	0	0	
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Juneilyn Fortner, 75 Moore Mountain Rd, Moravian Falls, NC 28654																			
	Mr. Wade Fortner, 75 Moore Mountain Rd, Moravian Falls, NC 28654	3	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	
Pilgrim	Mrs. Billie Carrigan, 8401 Cheatham Ford Road, Hiddente, NC 28636																			
	None	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Lena Campbell, 315 Daniels Lumber Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	None	25	15	0	0	10	55	15	25	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Smyrna	Mrs. Glennie Setzer, 395 Old Landfill Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Chad Martin, 4829 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	31	20	5	4	2	27	7	8	6	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stony Point	Mrs. Lari Stuckey, 111 Broomsage Lane, Statesville, NC 28677																			
	None	72	50	0	22	0	78	10	7	0	29	3	29	57	7	0	50	0	0	
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Sheila Parks, 82 Patterson Rd, Hiddente, NC 28636																			
	Mr. Glenn Dancy, 151 Riverside Farm Lane, Hiddente, NC 28636	0	0	0	0	0	75	10	19	27	14	5	0	41	21	0	20	0	0	
Taylorsville First	Mrs. Elaine Lackey, 1445 Kirby Lackey Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	Mr. Gary Watts, 45 Forest Acres Loop, Taylorsville, NC 28681	50	50	0	0	0	85	13	15	8	30	4	15	42	15	7	20	0	0	
Three Forks	Mrs. Angela Brown, 50 Lambert Creek Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681																			
	None	57	0	50	0	7	75	18	15	30	0	12	0	43	13	30	0	0	0	
TOTALS		1,623	683	283	175	482	849	129	162	113	282	66	97	503	107	52	299	45	14	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		872	317	126	392	37	778	146	130	46	407	49	0	454	106	42	260	46	15	

Financial Information Year Ending 08/31/2003														
Association: Alexander State: North Carolina	Associational Treasurer Mrs. Bobbi Glass Address PO Box 875 Taylorsville, NC 28681	26	27	28	Add 26 - 28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Churches	Treasurers & Addresses (Include Zip Code)	Undesignated Gifts	Designated Gifts	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Assoc. Missions	State Missions	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Other SBC Mission Expenditures	Non-SBC Mission Expenditures	Cong. Property Value	Church Literature
Antioch	Mrs. Norma Paige 805 Hollar Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	291,625	90,785	0	382,410	17,154	3,448	2,224	3,695	5,952	5,949	6,398	2,500,000	10,658
Bethlehem	Mr. Tim Fox 20 N Bethlehem Terrace Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	578,100	96,610	0	674,710	57,978	4,200	2,400	5,153	9,108	0	5,000	2,350,000	16,000
Beulah	Mrs. Alena Keller 636 East Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	44,000	0	0	44,000	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	800
Calvary	Mr. Kevin F. Payne 2570 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	247,930	5,945	18,265	272,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	83,194	2,021,940	4,529
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Christa Wike P O Box 906, Taylorsville, NC 28681	693,578	58,269	9,914	761,761	13,875	9,340	7,232	8,922	11,557	14,398	34,133	6,239,650	17,000
Hiddenite	Mr. Gerald Goble 1979 Goble Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	138,422	25,165	0	163,587	5,900	6,474	0	380	1,937	576	1,352	1,085,300	12,207
Lebanon	Mrs. Mary Watts 2558 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	150,472	11,728	60	162,260	13,295	2,998	1,440	1,312	1,931	0	20,414	960,000	2,281
Linney's Grove	Mrs. Linda Hayes 1984 Jud Smith Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636-7123	75,814	42,977	0	118,791	1,000	1,400	0	700	1,108	0	2,194	500,000	5,698
Little River	Mrs. Esther White 3790 Robinette Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	279,852	9,847	177	289,876	15,348	6,227	0	323	5,791	0	40,313	0	5,500
Macedonia	Mr. Tony Fox 934 County Home Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	84,596	11,857	2,400	98,853	2,400	2,400	2,400	630	1,519	0	250	850,000	1,682
Millersville	Mrs. Brenda Hartness 46 Hard Rock Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	420,965	29,463	4,950	455,378	46,610	2,600	1,100	5,207	8,244	3,100	68,258	2,000,000	12,012
Mountain Ridge														
Mt. Herman	Mrs. Wanda Holtzclaw 519 Wilkesboro Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	211,524	27,691	0	239,215	26,000	6,600	1,418	4,807	7,991	0	0	0	9,287
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Barbara Herman 1736 Alf Healing Springs Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	44,146	1,721	0	45,867	73	0	386	335	917	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	Mrs. Billie Carrigan 8401 Creetman Ford Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	57,655	19,335	0	76,990	650	1,445	0	0	1,920	1,800	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Phyllis Teague 5097 NC Hwy 16 N, Taylorsville, NC 28681	180,888	41,505	1,716	224,109	15,943	4,200	1,439	2,249	3,290	4,524	11,206	0	5,631
Smyrna	Mrs. Kathy Bowles 1494 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	147,477	3,108	4,500	155,085	4,000	2,233	365	835	500	3,300	6,960	900,000	2,500
Stony Point	Lari Stuckey 111 Broomssage Ln, Statesville, NC 28677	321,411	27,854	19,332	368,597	36,623	6,956	865	3,561	7,150	4,280	6,264	920,600	8,832
Sulphur Springs	Mr. Eric Walker 1692 York Institute Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	187,725	40,002	1,975	229,702	27,000	2,000	689	1,960	2,155	313	3,261	2,500,000	6,500
Taylorsville, First	Mr. Gerald Millisaps 309 Northwood Park NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	370,411	240,403	3,316	614,130	18,289	2,648	3,765	1,350	1,422	2,302	26,971	7,608,000	11,941
Three Forks	Mr. Donnie Rogers 3004 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	423,454	111,853	2,109	537,416	40,185	8,000	6,588	6,700	11,615	1,907	3,275	3,700,000	12,528
TOTALS		4,550,045	896,118	68,714	5,914,877	342,323	73,269	32,311	48,119	84,107	42,449	319,443	34,135,490	145,546
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		4,809,797	1,171,292	136,616	6,117,705	352,368	80,736	29,057	50,943	78,267	53,393	334,182	2,039,373	0

Digest of Letters			1	3	4	15	16	18	Add 19 & 20	21	23	24	Add 26-28	Add 29-35	29	30
IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.		County	Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions
Churches	Antioch 550 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	572	19	24	277	184	238	0	113	103	49	382,410	44,820	17,154	3,448
	Bethlehem 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1,063	45	14	688	369	355	105	110	59	60	674,710	83,839	57,978	4,200
	Baulah 605 Linney's Min Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	247	11	6	69	42	71	9	48	0	0	44,000	100	0	100
	Calvary 131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	297	10	3	208	156	186	0	227	0	0	272,140	83,194	0	0
	East Taylorsville 844 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1,525	28	42	659	420	243	0	152	84	80	761,761	99,457	13,875	9,340
	Hiddenite 250 Hiddenite Church Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	323	5	1	140	73	105	0	69	26	24	163,587	16,619	5,900	6,474
	Lebanon 167 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	201	6	1	98	82	75	0	73	0	0	162,260	41,390	13,295	2,998
	Linney's Grove 6160 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	213	5	5	116	101	105	0	45	0	0	118,791	6,402	1,000	1,400
	Little River 2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	375	8	8	183	126	117	79	123	0	0	289,876	68,002	15,348	6,227
	Macedonia 63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	170	3	4	71	48	110	0	35	27	13	98,853	9,599	2,400	2,400
	Millersville 130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	812	19	10	372	232	300	0	111	94	64	455,378	135,119	46,610	2,600
	Mountain Ridge 47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander													0	
	Mt. Herman 3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	285	7	4	174	120	140	13	44	41	21	239,215	46,816	28,000	6,600
	Mt. Olive 210 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	156	11	1	36	30	55	0	29	4	9	45,867	1,711	73	0
	Pilgrim 965 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	208	4	0	93	72	70	0	44	16	0	76,990	5,815	650	1,445
	Pleasant Hill 31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	314	4	6	132	95	106	0	75	55	0	224,109	42,851	15,943	4,200
	Smyrna 6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	232	4	8	91	70	90	0	65	27	0	155,085	18,193	4,000	2,233
	Stony Point 231 Ruritan Park Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	624	9	1	324	162	211	69	86	78	57	368,597	65,699	36,623	6,956
	Sulphur Springs 116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	345	18	17	208	153	194	0	92	75	41	229,702	37,378	27,000	2,000
	Taylorsville First 405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	596	4	10	246	139	186	0	81	85	42	614,130	56,747	18,289	2,648
Three Forks 4685 Three Forks Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	709	18	9	312	233	120	167	87	75	43	537,416	78,270	40,185	8,000	
TOTALS		9,267	238	174	4,497	2,907	3,077	442	1,709	849	503	5,914,877	942,021	342,323	73,269	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,871	180	126	4,521	2,891	2,978	832	1,724	778	454	6,117,705	978,946	352,368	80,736	

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ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
117TH ANNUAL SESSION
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“Empowering Kingdom Growth:
The Heartbeat of God”

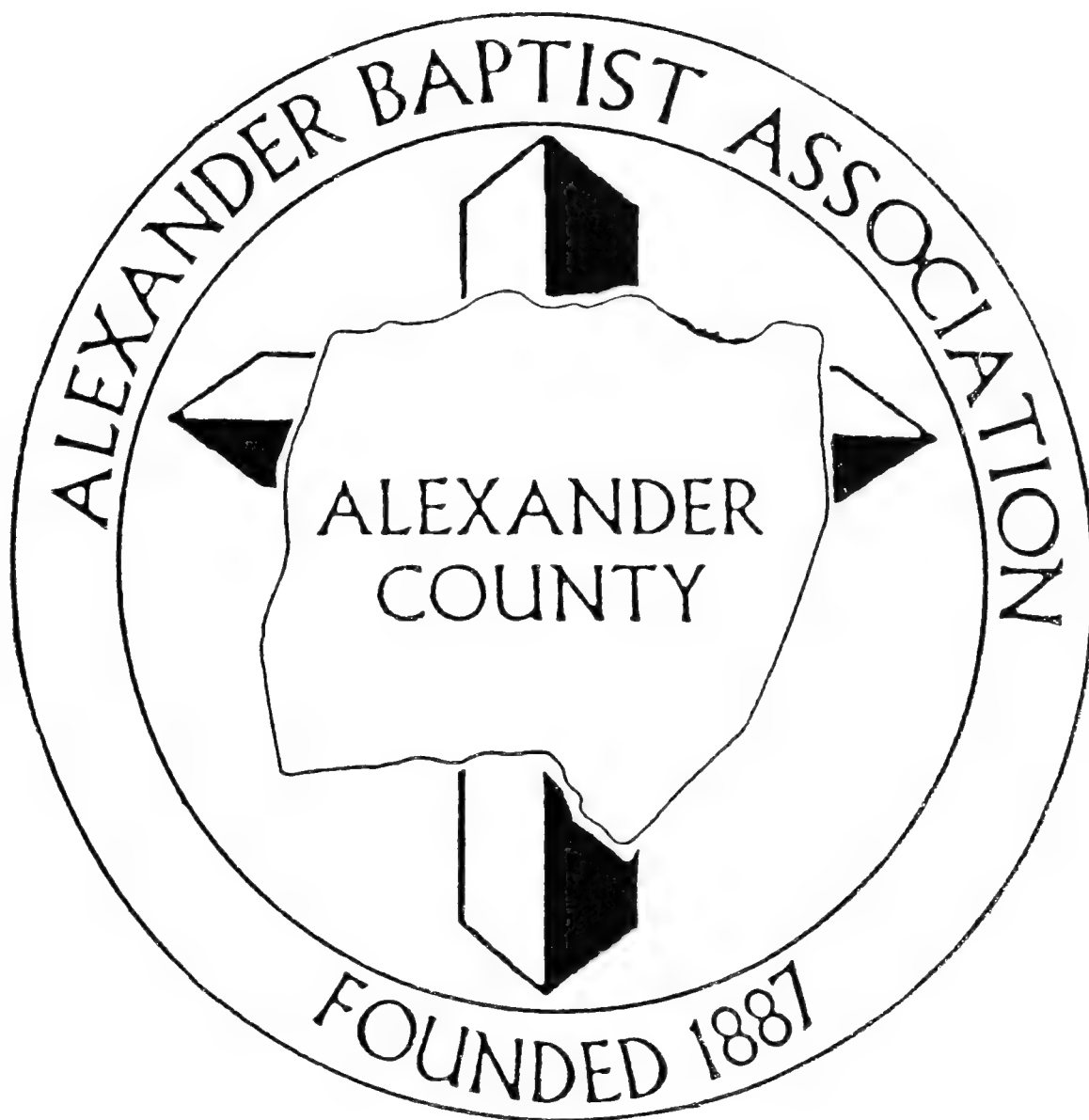
EMPOWERING
KINGDOM
GROWTH

Seeking First the King and His Kingdom

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world
for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

Matthew 24:14

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A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER

(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...Acts 1:8)

215 5th Avenue SW - P O Box 875
Taylorsville NC 28681

MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

ANTIOCH
 BETHLEHEM
 BEULAH
 CALVARY
 HIDDENITE
 LEBANON
 LINNEY'S GROVE
 LITTLE RIVER
 MACEDONIA
 MILLERSVILLE
 MT HERMAN
 MT OLIVE
 MOUNTAIN RIDGE
 PILGRIM
 PLEASANT HILL
 SMYRNA
 STONY POINT
 SULPHUR SPRINGS
 TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
 TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
 THREE FORKS

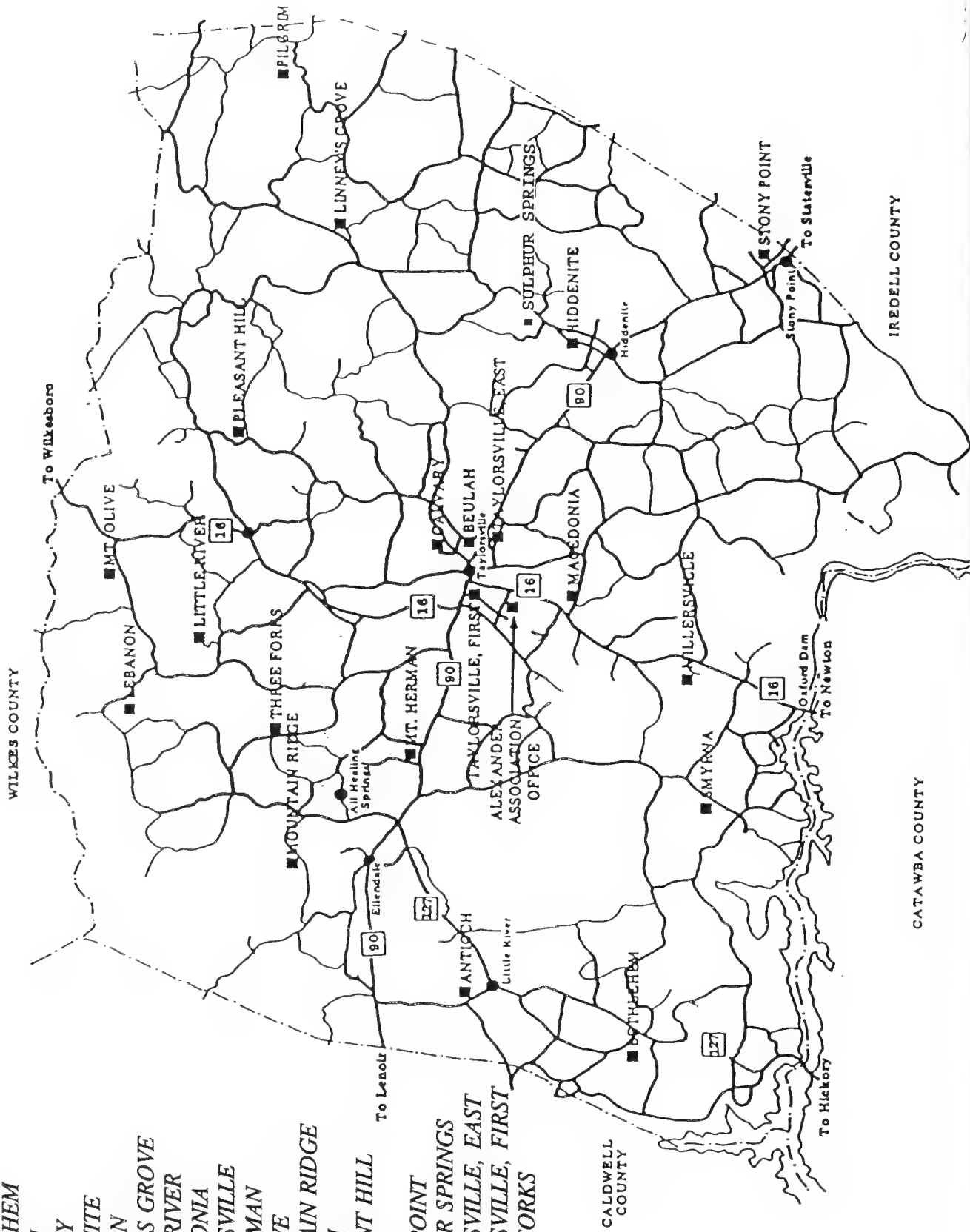


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Mr. Clarence Benfield
Mrs. Joyce Smith Holman
Mr. Ernest Little
Mr. Atwell Paige
Mr. Tony Smith

Bethlehem

Ethel Beach
Bliss Bolick
Jeanette Carrigan
Peggy Childers
Perry Coonse
Joanne Frye
James Gresham
Helen Hefner
Joe Hollifield
Mary Lou Pennell

Beulah

Mrs. Myrtle Hodge
Mr. Ray Robinson

Calvary

Mrs. Vergie Carrigan

East Taylorsville

Mrs. Laura Baker
Miss Evelyn Dagenhart
Mr. Paul Jordan, Deacon
Ms. Kathy Kassiotis
Mr. Oscar Kuykendall, Deacon
Mrs. Shelia Miller
Miss Haylee Morrison

Hiddenite

Maurice Grant
Myra Kerley

Linney's Grove

Mr. James H. Adams
Mr. Thomas Coley
Miss Ella H. Millsaps

Macedonia

Mrs. Mary Helen Brinkley

Millersville

Mr. Robert Carpenter
Mr. David Fowler
Ms. Ethel Fox
Mr. William Sherrick
Mr. Jerome Spelce

Mt. Herman

Mr. Chester Greene
Mr. Conley Martin, Deacon
Mrs. Alma Teague
Mr. Hayden Teague

Mt. Olive

Mr. William Hubbard
Mr. Sammy Lowe

Pilgrim

Mrs. Sue Bowles
Mrs. Mary Lee Bunton
Mrs. Annie Campbell
Mrs. Dollie Connolly
Mr. Lee Connolly
Mr. Grady Millsaps

Pleasant Hill

Mrs. Eda Auton
Mr. Clint Childers
Mrs. Thomasene Goforth
Mrs. LuDell Harrington
Miss Hanna Renee Smithey
Miss Lydia Grace Smithey

Smyrna

Mrs. Odena Bostain
Miss Ruth Teague
Mr. Gary Williams

Stony Point

Mr. Willard Cline
Mrs. Laura Comer
Mr. Dale Norton
Mrs. Margaret Norton
Mr. Z.V. Robinette
Mr. John Watts

Sulphur Springs

Mrs. Beulah Branson
Mrs. Emo Gregory
Mrs. Frances Keever
Mr. Eli Leonard

Taylorsville, First

Mrs. Mano Brookshire
Mr. Darryl Moffitt
Miss Alice Simmons

Three Forks

Mrs. Alma Bebbber
Mr. Tommy Bebbber
Mr. Roy Fox
Mrs. Hessie Harrington
Mrs. Betty McKee
Mr. Gary Reid
Mrs. Marie Reese
Mr. Elzie Walker
Mrs. Alma Waugh

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Sunday School Director's Report

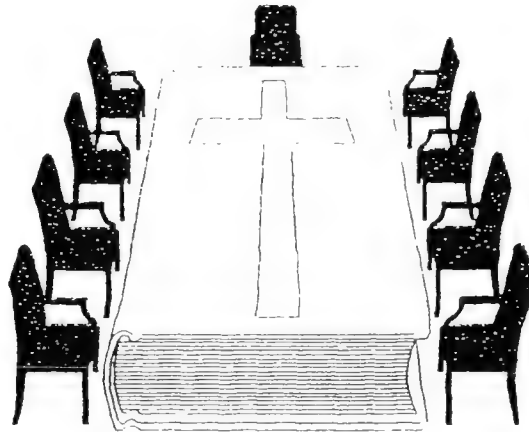
This past year we were blessed by having Ken Hemphill who is the national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth, a joint initiative for the Southern Baptist Convention and LifeWay Christian Resources. I would like to thank East Taylorsville Baptist Church for making Dr. Hemphill's visit with us possible. All those who attended were blessed and encouraged to make Sunday School a ministry and not just something we do before or after worship.

With our new DOM now in place I will be working with him in the coming year to evaluate our associations Sunday School needs and to establish a plan for strengthening the Sunday Schools in our associational churches.

In closing let me remind you that we do have several resources at the associational office to help aid you in making your Sunday School the best that it can be. I along with the rest of the Associational Sunday School team are always available to help you and your church with any problems or questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet
wiser;
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning*

MEDIA REPORT

Several excellent kits have been added to the Media Library collection during the past year. At this time all of the materials have been cataloged and are waiting for spine labels to be added. This will be done as soon as possible. All of the material can be checked out even if there is no spine label.

Some churches have given materials they have used and no longer need so that other churches can use them. If your church has kits or resources that you no longer use but think other churches can use, you are encouraged to share them through the resources at the Associational Resource Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs Kay White
Media Library Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Spring evangelist Ken Freeman came to preach and share his testimony to a crowd that averaged from 700 to 1000 Sunday through Wednesday nights. This Youth Rally drew people from our county and all the surrounding counties. Ken spoke at several school assemblies during the day to get students and adults excited about coming each evening. Thursday a time was scheduled to celebrate the 60 people who made decisions to accept Christ. Thanks to Bethlehem Baptist for hosting the event, and everyone who volunteered to help in reaching more people with the gospel of Christ. I pray that we can continue together to reach our youth with the life changing gospel. God's word reminds us to, "lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35 NKJV).

Remember September 15, 2004 at 7:00A.M. is *See You at the Pole*. This is a world wide prayer event when students meet before school at the flag pole to pray. Please encourage your students to be involved at this yearly event. Adults are asked to pray at church, court house flag poles, and work. For more information see www.syatp.com.

During football season you have the opportunity to bring youth to Three Forks Baptist after every A.C.H.S. home football game for 5th Quarter. This is an event full of fun, food, prizes and an evangelistic outreach for the youth of our community. Transportation is provided to 5th Quarter by East Taylorsville, and Bethlehem Baptist. Other churches are encouraged to help and participate.

Please call on me if you have any questions or just want to talk about youth ministry.

Your brother in Christ,



Marvin Yarborough

Minister to Students

East Taylorsville

1 Tim. 4:12

Senior Adults Report

You give them a 20 dollar bill and a bus, and they are ready to roll. I am told our seniors are busier in their retirement years than when they worked. Our Spring Senior Conferences held at First Baptist Church each May are becoming a popular event. The idea came from going to other Senior Conferences in Charleston, SC. and Gatlinburg, TN. So why not have one here for our seniors in this area? Next year, May 7, 2005, we are having Rev. Bobby Robertson from Gospel Light Baptist Church in Walkertown, NC and Rev. Mike Runion of Three Forks Baptist Church and the ETBC double quartet. We ask for donations to help pay for the catered meal.

These times of meeting and fellowshiping are good for support and communication. We gather together to remember and praise Him in the fifth quarter of our lives.

Singing for Him, Rodney Boutwell

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
FINAL REPORT
(September/October/November/December 2003)

Miles traveled (Church visitation) 561 miles - reimbursed by ABA at 36 cents per mile.

Promoted: The work of the Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Alexander Baptist Association, including the "Toy Store". Served on the following boards: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC); Alexander County Habitat for Humanity, and Ellendale Ruritan Club. Worked with two Pastor Search Committees recently.

Commendation and Gratitude Expressions - during my watch of 8-1/3 years:

1. To 20 of the 21 member churches that cooperated with and supported the ABA both prayerfully, financially and otherwise, especially those churches that have hosted our association for the quarterly sessions and have served meals/refreshments to our people.
2. To the faithful pastors who have served our churches so well.
3. To the faithful church leaders and church lay persons who have served their churches during my watch.
4. To ABA Moderators: Mr. Joe McDuffie (deceased), Rev. Marion Powell, Rev. Gary Jennings, Mr. Kenneth Kerley, Rev. Keith Childers, and Rev. Craig Hamlin - presently serving.
5. To the dear lay persons and pastors who have served in some ABA capacity, such as committees and teams.
6. To Shelia Austin and Robert Austin and the Alexander Singing Seniors for blessing our churches with their angelic voices.
7. THANKFUL FOR:
 - * the improved and comfortable facilities for associational missions - including the office complex plus the Resource Center for use of churches, individuals, committees, etc.
 - * our good 15 passenger van used to convey Hmong boys and girls each Wednesday night to the Hmong Mission at Hiddenite Baptist Church and for our churches use as well.

* the 28 passenger (plus driver) bus donated to ABA by Bethlehem Baptist Church for our churches use.

* the out-pouring of your love and kindness demonstrated at the November Retirement Reception at Mt Herman Baptist Church, the Christmas bonus of \$1,500, plus the over \$2,400 outstanding donations by 14 of our churches (plus some individuals/couples) as a love gift of appreciation).

8. providing me with an outstanding Secretary/Treasurer who in reality is my Administrative Assistant, Bobbi Glass; and our CCM Leader, Brother Gary Jennings.

9. my dear wife and companion, Roberta, who has supported both my pastoral and missionary ministries these 52 years of marriage - 110% she stood beside me and behind me!

10. your "putting up with me" these 8-1/3 years!

I say Thank You, Thank You. I thank the Lord for permitting me to be your leader these 8-1/3 years.

Many have asked "What are you going to do in retirement?" I'll do some pulpit supply work as the Lord wills and my health permits; get up late in the AM; continue working with the Hmong Mission at Hiddenite Church; continue with the Ellendale Ruritan Club as Treasurer/Chaplain and renter of the community building; support our teenage granddaughter and grandson, Whitney and Nick Benfield, in their sports endeavors - softball, basketball, baseball and football; and respond to the "honey do" list.

Please support my successor whoever he may be! As John the Baptist saw Jesus approaching he cried out "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world". Earlier John had said "I must decrease, He (Jesus) must increase."

I remember hearing General Douglas MacArthur as he addressed the Congress of the United States as he was recalled from being the Allied Supreme Commander in the Pacific - "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." Perhaps that may be true of me - Old DOM's never die, they just fade away!

Retiring Director of Missions

Rev William O (Bill) Goble Jr

Music Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2004

Providing a musical emphasis for senior adults continues to be a focus for the Alexander Baptist Association. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus formed April 13, 1999, originally consisted of twenty-five members. The group meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the Alexander Senior Center and has a current membership of fifty. The *Singing Seniors* are representative of sixteen different churches. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus; Brenda Robertson serves as accompanist and Jody West as assistant accompanist.

The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events since the last annual report. Concerts featuring the musical, **Down to the River to Pray** by Sheldon Curry have been performed or scheduled in five churches: Antioch, East Taylorsville, Lebanon, Hiddenite, and Pilgrim. Additional accompanists for this musical included Michael Hollar, guitar, and Andrea Pennell, violin. The group also participated in the Gospel Singing (May 21, 2004) for Hospice and Home Care of Alexander County and the Spring Senior Fellowship and Worship Event (May 1, 2004) held at First Baptist.

For the 2003 Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* presented the gospel musical, **His Name Is Jesus**, arranged by Mosie Lister. Three Christmas Concerts were hosted by the following churches: Lebanon, First Baptist, and Mt. Herman. Rev. Keith Childers, pastor of Lebanon Baptist and Mrs. Brenda Bumgarner served as guest narrators. A performance was also presented at Valley Nursing Center,

He's Still the King of Kings by Mosie Lister will be the featured Christmas musical for the 2004 season. The concert dates are incomplete at this time.

Since the organization of this group, the *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with a total of fifty-nine audiences. Twenty-nine concerts have been performed in individual churches along with eleven civic opportunities, and five Annual Associational Meetings. The group has presented four Christmas concert seasons. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to **"Sing a new song unto the Lord."**

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell

*O sing unto the Lord a new song;
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Psalm 96:1*

WMU REPORT

This year has been very productive in many ways. We began in September 2003 with a WMU Training held in conjunction with a Brotherhood Training at Mt Herman Baptist Church. We had 29 WMU leaders attend this training. The WMU groups in our association collected individually wrapped pieces of candy (bagged) to go towards "Red Boxes" that were given to women inmates at NC Correctional Institute for Women, and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women as Christmas gifts. Our Association collected 399 pounds of candy for this project.

We collected items for the Juvenile Detention Center in Taylorsville. Items collected included toothbrushes, toothpaste, candy, snack cakes, games, and other things. These were taken to the detention center and were distributed for Christmas.

Many of our ladies helped with the "Toy Store" this past year also.

As we look ahead and plan in this new year I hope to see our projects increase and our blessings multiply as we strive to help others. Pray that we will let God lead us as we choose projects. My desire is that we would let God have His way, and that we will truly be "God's Followers".

Prayerfully submitted,

Linda B McLain
Associational WMU Director

“ON MISSION” REPORT

One year has been marked by commitments which we honored for several years and new needs that were identified during the year. Our TOY STORE was able to move back to the National Guard Armory this past December. We helped more families this year than ever before and did it with more resources made available through the generosity of our churches and individuals.

Several of our churches, jointly, entered into projects together to supply a handicapped ramp for a family. We responded with the Caldwell Association Disaster Team during the windstorm which affected the Ellendale area. One trailer sustained damages that required immediate repairs. The family was caring for their grandchildren who lived with them. Three churches sent volunteers and were assisted by the team from Caldwell.

We have a church and members of other churches working now to help a disadvantaged lady with repairs to her trailer that has leaked badly and damaged floors that have had to be replaced.

Our Toy Store will begin again the last of October and extend into the week of Thanksgiving for registration, and the Toy Store itself will be held the week of December 6 - 9. We will try to use the same format as last year and accomplish the distribution in a day and a half.

We are anticipating several opportunities for mission trips to Florida in the weeks and months ahead. If you are interested in a trip, please let us know and we will coordinate any arrangements you may need.

Prayerfully submitted,

Gary W Jennings
On Mission Director/
Church & Community Missions Director

BAPTIST MEN REPORT

The Baptist Men have had their “hats on” and reported for duty many times this year. They began first with training – a Brotherhood Training Session was held at Mt Herman Baptist Church in September 2003. This was a very successful session and well attended.

Baptist Men were involved with helping a woman who is a participant in the Christian Women’s Job Corps. Her home needed many repairs, and also needed a basement. There were other projects in the community involving folks needing home repairs.

In another project, a young man in the county was severely injured in a serious motorcycle accident this past summer with a broken arm which required surgery, and a broken leg and other injuries. The doctor told him it would be several months before he would walk again and that he would need a ramp at his home if he did not already have one. The Baptist Men from First Baptist Church and Mt Herman Baptist Church joined together and, with a donation of lumber from a member at First Baptist Church, plans were made to design and complete a ramp for this man.

On September 9 2004 an Associational-sponsored Baptist Men/WMU Training Workshop was held at East Taylorsville Baptist Church from 7 to 9 PM with 37 people in attendance. A light meal was served at 6:00 PM. The workshops included were for the groups listed below and all speakers for this session were approved by the BSCNC.

Brotherhood Speakers

Men: David Brown

Challengers: Barry McDonald

RA’s: Phillip Heavner

WMU Speakers

WMU: Debbie Wortman

WOM: Marsha Talton

Acteens: Barbara Hill

GA’s: Norma Hollar

Mission Friends: Linda Vandiford

If you would like to learn more about state missions and where you might serve, go online at ncmissions.org.

We are thankful to God for another year of being able to help our fellowman – for being “On Mission” for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Austin

Baptist Men Director

Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. On Sunday, July 18, 2004, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to discuss and to distribute the 2004 Congregation Profile. Again this year, we had eight of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We plan to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms again this year. This year marks the sixth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had a few of the twenty-one churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2003.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mr. Tim Deaton	-	Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mrs. Tammy Fornter	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River Baptist Church
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia Baptist Church
Mrs. Joyce Payne	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Linda Beckham	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Mrs. Janet Linney	-	Taylorsville First Baptist Church
Mrs. Debbie Messer	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of all of the activities at your church and for reporting them to the Association. May God richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and the Church you serve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget for 2004-2005

<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
CCM Church & Comm. Missions Director:	Salary	\$ 2,217.28	\$ 2,217.28
	Travel	360.00	360.00
	Conf. Allow.	150.00	150.00
	Secretary/Treasurer:		
	Salary	16,250.00	17,062.50
	Insurance	5,300.84	3,600.00
	Retirement	945.00	945.00
	Conference	150.00	165.00
	Christmas Bonus	250.00	250.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary		1,243.00	1,305.28
Director of Missions:	Salary	8,803.12	8,270.24
	Utilities/Housing	5,000.00	8,000.00
	Retirement	2,880.00	2,400.00
	Insurance		5,129.76
	Est. NC Tax	-0-	200.00
	Travel	1,100.00	-0-
	Christmas Bonus	1,500.00*	500.00
	Conventions	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:		\$46,449.24	\$50,555.06
<u>Operation Expenses</u>			
Utilities		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
1) Electricity			
2) Telephone			
3) Internet Access			
Equipment - Purchases		2,700.00	1,000.00
General Supplies		2,000.00	2,000.00
Postage & Box Rental		1,600.00	1,600.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance		1,500.00	2,500.00
Grounds/Facility Repairs		-0-	1,100.00
Insurance - Property		1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Cleaning		1,300.00	600.00
Miscellaneous		200.00	200.00
Media Center		<u>700.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
Operation Expenses Subtotal:		\$16,000.00	\$15,200.00

Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget for 2004-2005

Ministry Expenses

Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Baptist Men	200.00	200.00
Christian Life	100.00	100.00
Deaconship	100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00	200.00
DOM-Conventions/Books/Conference	-0-	1,000.00
Evangelism	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hmong Ministry	3,600.00	3,600.00
Key Leadership	535.00	500.00
Ministers' Conference (speakers)	-0-	250.00
Ministry (Discretionary Fund for DOM)	200.00	400.00
Missions Development – Toy Store	3,000.00	3,000.00
Operation "In As Much"	2,400.00	2,400.00
Music – Singing Seniors	1,260.00	1,000.00
Pastoral Ministries	150.00	-0-
Senior Adults	700.00	700.00
Single Adult Ministry	150.00	150.00
Stewardship	100.00	100.00
Sunday School	500.00	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	500.00	500.00
Youth	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transportation – Van Gas/Ins/Tag/Maintenance	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
Ministry Expenses Subtotal:	\$19,095.00	\$ 20,350.00
TOTALS:	\$81,544.24	\$ 86,105.06

* One time gift since DOM salary was not increased
September 2003 due to upcoming retirement Jan. 2004.

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2004 – DECEMBER 2005

OCTOBER 2004 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM & MISSIONS GIVING MONTH
AND PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 3 "On Mission to Share Jesus" Sunday NAMB
 Theme: "One Kingdom, One Message, One Mission"
- 7 117TH ABA ANNUAL SESSION
 ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH 4 – 9 PM
- 8 Retreat for New Ministers' Wives, Camp Mundo Vista
- 10 World Hunger Day
- 10 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
- 11-13 Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
- 12 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 14 ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
- 15-16 RA/Challenger Leadership Training, Camp Caraway
- 15-17 Literacy Missions Conference, Caraway
- 16 Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival, 9AM – 4PM
- 18-20 Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
- 24 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
- 24 ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Antioch Church, 6PM
- 26 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 29-30 Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte Coliseum
- 31 Daylight Saving Time Ends

NOVEMBER 2004 TOY STORE COLLECTION MONTH IN CHURCHES

- 1 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 1 ABA Pastors Golf Outing, Brushy Mountain
 Golf Course, 1:00 PM
- 1- 3 NC Baptist Secretaries' Assoc. Conference – Ridgecrest
- 2 Election Day

7	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
7-14	RA Week in the Churches
11	Veterans' Day
14-21	Week of Prayer/Special Offering-Baptist Children's Homes
15-17	Baptist State Convention Annual Session, W-S
18	ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
21	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
25	THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed 25, 26
25-26	NCBSC General Board Meeting
26-27	Associational Staff/General Board Staff Meeting
28-12/5	International Missions Emphasis and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 2004 TOY STORE & INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

11/28-5	International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
2	ABA Executive Council 7PM
4, 6	WMU Day at Operation Christmas Child – CLT
5	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
5	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Hiddenite Church 7PM
6-7	ABA Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
8-9	ABA Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families, National Guard Armory
7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
12	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Antioch Church In Sanctuary 3:00 PM
14	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
19	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
21	Winter Begins
23,24,27	Office Closed for Christmas
25	CHRISTMAS DAY – Celebration of our Lord's Birthday

JANUARY 2005WINTER BIBLE STUDY

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10 AM-Noon
- 3 Office Closed – Holiday
- 6 ABA WINTER QUARTERLY SESSION
MT HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH– 7PM
- 10 ABA Ministers' Conference 10 AM
- 11 ABA Hmong Mission Committee Meeting 7PM
- 13 ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Gant Steakhse, Noon
- 13 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 16 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
- 23 Baptist Men's Day in Churches
- 25-26 NCBSC General Board Meeting
- 26-27 Associational Staff/General Board Meeting NCBSC
- 27 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 30 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

FEBRUARY 2005EMPHASIS: "TRUE LOVE WAITS"

- 6 Baptist World Alliance Day
- 6-13 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist
Retirement Homes
- 7-8 State Evangelism Conf., Calvary Church W-S
- 8 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 13 ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
- 14 ABA Ministers' Conference, 10AM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14-20 Focus on WMU
- 17 ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
- 20 Volunteers in Missions Day
- 20 Baptist College Day

21	Presidents' Day
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
24	Flag Day
25-26	Baptist Mission Conference/Baptist Men's Convention
27	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

MARCH 2005

3	ABA Executive Council Council 7PM
6-13	North America Missions Emphasis/ Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
9	Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America
13	On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday
13	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-16	New Ministers' Orientation
14-20	Youth Week
17	ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
18-19	Prayer Evangelism Conference, Raleigh
20	PALM SUNDAY, Spring Begins
20	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
25	GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed
27	EASTER – Our Lord is Risen!
27	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
28	Easter Monday

APRIL 2005

2	State Royal Ambassador Car Race Day
3	SBC Seminaries Sunday
3	Daylight Saving Time begins
7	<u>ABA SPRING QUARTERLY SESSION</u> <u>SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM</u>

10	Cooperative Program Sunday
10	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11	ABA Ministers' Conference, 10AM
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
12	ABA Hmong Mission Committee Meeting 7PM
14	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
15-17	Missions Extravaganza
16	Royal Ambassador Congress
17	EarthStewards Sunday
18-22	Baptist Doctrine Study
22	State Youth Bible Drills and Youth Speakers Tournament
23	State Children Bible Drill
24	Life Commitment Sunday
24	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
26	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27	Administrative Professionals/Secretaries' Day
29	State Youth Bible Drills and Youth Speakers Tournament
30	State Children Bible Drill

MAY 2005

1	Senior Adult Sunday
1-8	Christian Home Week
1-8	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospital
3	ABA Nominating Committee Meeting 7PM
5	National Day of Prayer
7	Girls in Action Day, Camp Mundo Vista
8	Mother's Day
8	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
9	Region 5 & 7 Baptist Men Mission Rally
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
12	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Noon

13-14	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training
14	State Finalists Bible Drills and Tournaments
14	State RA/Challengers Track Meet
15	Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism
15-22	Associational Week of Prayer and Offering
16	ABA Ministers' Conference 10AM
16-22	On Mission in Baptist Associations
17	Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs Meeting
19	ABA Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
22	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
24	ABA Budget/Finance Comm. Meeting 7PM
26	ABA Nominating Committee Meeting 7PM
30	Memorial Day – Office Closed

JUNE 2005

VBS MONTH

2	ABA Executive Council 7PM
5	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
6-10	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
7	ABA Nominating Committee 9AM
10-11	Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Lenoir
13-17	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
13-18	Family Fun and Focus Week
13-19	Crossover, Nashville TN
14	Flag Day
19	Father's Day
19	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
19-20	SBC Annual WMU Meeting
20-24	GA/Acteens Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
21	ABA Nominating Committee 9AM
21	Summer begins
21-22	Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville TN

24-25	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
26	Adopt an Annuitant Sunday
27-7/1	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
28	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
30-7/2	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

JULY 2005

VBS MONTH

6/27-1	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
6/30-2	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
3	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
3	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
4	Independence Day – Office Closed
6-9	Camp Angel Tree, Camp Mundo Vista
11-13	Associational Summer Conference
11-16	World Mission Week, Caswell
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
12	ABA Hmong Mission Committee 7PM
14	<u>ABA SUMMER QUARTERLY SESSION</u>
	<u>THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM</u>
15-17	Bi-vocational Ministers' Conference
17	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
17	ABA Clerk's Meeting 3PM
18-22	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
25-29	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
26	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
31	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

AUGUST 2005

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

5-6	Lay Renewal Conference, Caswell
7	Social Issues Sunday: Education
9	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon

14	Day of Prayer for Students
14	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
15-17	Professional Church and Assoc. Secretaries Certification
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon

SEPTEMBER 2005 NEW CHURCH YEAR

1	ABA Executive Council 7PM
5	Labor Day – Office Closed
10	Fall Bible Study/Church Administration
11	Single Adult Sunday
11	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
11-18	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
13	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14	“See You at the Pole” – Youth Event
14-16	Women’s Prison Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
16	Clerk’s Profiles Deadline
16-17	Fall Sunday School Leadership Conference
18	Anti-Gambling Sunday
22	Autumn begins
23-24	Fall Sunday School Leadership Conference
23-25	Baptist Student Convention
25	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
27	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27-28	NCBSC General Board

OCTOBER 2005 EMPHASIS: COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

2	On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday
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6	<u>118th ABA ANNUAL SESSION - SULPHUR</u> <u>SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH 4-9PM</u>
7-8	Royal Ambassador/Challenger Leadership Training
8	Fall Bible Study/Church Administration
9	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
9	World Hunger Day
10	ABA Ministers' Conference 10AM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11	ABA Hmong Mission Committee 7PM
13	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
14-15	New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
14-16	Literacy Missions Retreat
15	Deacon/Spouse Leadership Seminar
15	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival
23	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
30	Daylight Saving Time ends

NOVEMBER 2005 TOY STORE COLLECTION MONTH IN CHURCHES

1	Regions 6 and 7 Men's Ministry Rally
4-5	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest
5	Fall Bible Study/Church Administration
6	On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday
6	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
6-13	Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches
7	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
7-9	NC Baptist Secretaries' Association Conference
8	Election Day
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11	Veterans Day

13-20	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children Homes
14-16	NC Baptist State Convention Annual Session
17	Ministers' Wives Fellowship 6PM
20	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7M
23	Association-Wide Thanksgiving Service TBD
24	Thanksgiving Day
24-25	Office Closed

DECEMBER

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

TOY STORE MONTH

1	ABA Executive Council 7PM
3,5	WMU Days at Operation Christmas Child Processing Center
4	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
4-11	Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
5-6	ABA Toy Store Collection and Store Set Up, National Guard Armory
7-8	ABA Toy Store Distribution for Needy Families National Guard Armory
7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
13	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
18	ABA Hmong Mission, Hiddenite Church 10AM-Noon
21	Winter begins
25	CHRISTMAS DAY – Our Lord's Birthday Celebration Office Closed 23, 26, 27

QUARTERLY DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT
REV KENNETH LAMBERT
AUGUST 2004
(Began Ministry 8/2/04)

CHURCHES VISITED: 6

ATTENDED:

Two Revival Services

Habitat Meeting

Two Sunday School Leadership Conferences

Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

Associational Nominating Committee Meeting

Presently participating in Alexander Singing Seniors

SERVICES HELD:

Preached two Sunday Services, and one Wednesday Prayer Service

MET WITH NCBSC Representative

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 157

MINISTRY MILEAGE: 391

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1 2003 – AUGUST 31 2004**

Savings as of August 31 2004	\$ 2,787.06
Money Market Account	66,954.58
Alexander Evangelistic Fund CD	5,312.92
Hmong Mission Savings Account	3,192.65
Hmong (in regular checking)	7,211.43
Hmong CD's	9,000.00
Hispanic Mission (in Money Mkt Acct)	24,627.32
Hispanic Mission (in regular checking)	4,437.29
Mein Mission (in regular checking)	3,750.00
Christian Action League-Savings	751.68
Ying Vang Family Fund-Savings	2,188.64
 Balance on Hand September 1 2003	 24,001.36
Receipts Toward Budget Requirements	68,474.44
Receipts For Non-Budget Items	<u>23,479.48</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 115,955.28
 Disbursements from Budgeted Funds	 69,610.03
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items	<u>2,871.44</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	72,481.47
 BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 31 2004	 \$ 43,473.81

RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....\$ 2,600.10	Mt Herman.....\$ 6,600.00
Bethlehem..... 4,200.00	Mt Olive..... 573.20
Beulah..... -0-	Mountain Ridge..... -0-
Calvary..... -0-	Pilgrim..... 1,520.00
East Taylorsville 9,500.00	Pleasant Hill..... 3,000.00
Hiddenite..... 2,520.00	Smyrna..... 2,371.19
Lebanon..... 2,178.84	Stony Point..... 9,433.49
Linney's Grove 1,400.00	Sulphur Springs..... 1,500.00
Little River..... 6,516.53	Taylorsville First..... 1,561.05
Macedonia..... 2,400.00	Three Forks..... <u>8,000.00</u>
Millersville..... 2,600.04	TOTAL \$ 68,474.44

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 1,600.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	1,164.00
BSCNC Missions Blitz.....	2,400.00
BSCNC Mein People Group.....	2,400.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	2,400.00
Hispanic Mission Offering-Pleasant Hill Church.....	1,200.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,438.77
Ying Vang Family Fund (Savings) Reimbursement.....	1,200.00
Computer/Printer Rebates.....	300.00
LifeWay Video for CWJC.....	15.24
WMU Retreat Deposit.....	30.00
Alex.Co.DSS-Christian Women's Job Corps.....	1,000.00
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	486.15
Operation Christmas Spirit-Toy Store.....	6,808.32
Christian Crisis Center-One Yr Lease Payment.....	1.00
Van Mileage.....	25.00
Copies.....	11.00
	\$ 23,479.48

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 2,217.24
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	15,292.56
Group Insurance.....	3,423.00
Retirement.....	945.00
Deferred Income.....	600.00
Conference.....	265.00
Christmas Bonus.....	250.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,308.52
DOM Bill Goble: Salary.....	3,667.95
Utilities/Housing.....	2,083.35
Insurance (Medical & Hospital).....	1,180.80
Retirement.....	50.00
Travel.....	402.44
Christmas Bonus (one time).....	1,500.00
Conventions.....	-0-
DOM Kenneth Lambert: Salary.....	689.19
Utilities/Housing.....	500.00
Medical Ins/Retirement.....	427.48
Travel.....	146.63
Moving Expense.....	153.96

OPERATION EXPENSES

Electricity and Water.....	\$ 2,125.56
Telephone and Internet Access.....	3,204.23
*Equipment (copier, etc.).....	3,833.57
General Supplies.....	2,050.80
Postage & Box Rental.....	1,533.97
Repairs & Maintenance.....	1,356.36
Office Cleaning.....	638.50
Insurance (fire, theft, liability-property).....	873.74
Media Center.....	502.87
Miscellaneous.....	196.35

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Assoc. Speakers (Annual Meeting, Quarterly Sessions).....	350.00
Baptist Men.....	120.00
Christian Life.....	-0-
Deaconship.....	-0-
Discipleship.....	-0-
Evangelism.....	-0-
Hmong.....	3,778.00
Key Leadership.....	-0-
Mein People Group.....	250.00
Ministry Discretionary Fund.....	192.15
Missions Development – Toy Store Ministry.....	6,861.17
Missions Blitz.....	975.83
Music – Singing Seniors.....	782.66
Pastoral Ministries.....	-0-
Prison Ministry.....	45.96
Senior Adults.....	386.00
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	404.95
WMU.....	806.29
Youth.....	1,000.00
Transportation (1986 Chevy Bus/2001 Dodge Van).....	<u>2,237.95</u>
(Van \$1,527.04/Bus \$710.91)	\$ 69,610.03

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Ying Vang-(Parents' Doctor Bills)	\$ 1,200.00
LifeWay Video for CWJC.....	15.24
Wachovia Bank-CWJC July/Aug Fed. Taxes.....	503.20
Return CWJC Ck from Alex Co. DSS.....	1,000.00
Return WMU Deposit.....	30.00
NC Dept of Revenue.....	<u>123.00</u>
	\$ 2,871.44

**2005
Alexander Baptist Association
Quarterly Sessions**

Winter Session
January 6, 2005
7:00p.m.
Mt. Herman Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 7, 2005
7:00p.m.
Smyrna Baptist Church

Summer Session
July 14, 2005
7:00p.m.
Three Forks Baptist Church

118th Annual Session
October 6, 2005
4:00p.m.
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church

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REPORT for 2004 BOOK of REPORTS OFFICE of ANNUITY

After a tumultuous three year period resulting in a dramatic economic downturn which adversely affected retirement accounts of millions of Americans a dramatic rebound occurred during the last year. As a result, the asset base of the Annuity Board gained over 1 billion dollars in one year for the first time since the Annuity Board was established in 1918 to serve ministers and employees of Southern Baptist churches. Concurrently, many participant retirement accounts recouped much of the funds which evaporated during the downturn. The downturn presented a serious challenge to our office in assisting participants with meaningful educational materials and resources to make wise investment decisions.

Secondly, the ongoing national health care crisis continues to present serious challenges to our churches who strive to be responsible employers by providing adequate medical insurance in a rapidly escalating cost environment. To assist in this effort, the Annuity Board responded this year by offering new medical insurance plans. These new plans offer more flexibility with varying levels of deductibles and monthly rates. Along with the new plans, the Board emphasized a three-step approach to address the rising cost of health care. First, the Annuity Board is aggressively managing costs and continuing to create plans that provide more options for participants. Second, participants are encouraged to develop healthy habits related to eating and exercise. And, third, churches need to take the initiative, if at all possible, to provide medical coverage as a benefit for their ministers and staff rather than as a part of the salary package. Those church employees who live within the constraints of an antiquated "pay package" approach have seen a dramatic decline in disposable income if they have tried to maintain adequate medical insurance for themselves and their families.

Thirdly, as a result of actions taken by messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, the Annuity Board gained permission to serve evangelical ministry organizations outside the SBC and to change the official name of the Annuity Board to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The name change will become official with an affirmative vote at next year's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Fourthly, the Endowment ministry of the Annuity Board continued its work to make Southern Baptists aware of the tragic plight of retired ministers and their widows who were unable to plan adequately for retirement. Individuals and churches responded with open hearts and open hands as they helped to underwrite the financial assistance given to those who are in desperate need. More than 3,000 persons in our convention presently receive financial assistance with 335 residing in North Carolina.

As of May 31, 2004, North Carolina participants in the retirement plan moved above 5,200 in 2,332 (61%) of our churches. Our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Johnny E. Ross
Senior Consultant, Annuity



Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

(July 2003-July 2004)

Above and beyond — these words best describe what North Carolina Baptists did last year!... Churches around the state came mightily to the aid of Baptist Children's Homes in 2003-04 as their beloved institution faced one of its most critical financial times. Prayers, money, and gifts of food, towels, sheets, school supplies, and clothes flooded in. These showers of blessings softened the blow of a nearly four million-dollar budget cut. ***Thank you.***

History was made as churches from all 80 Baptist Associations gave food to BCH's first-ever statewide food roundup. Nearly 500,000 pounds of food were collected filling every available space on our campuses. Directors of Missions graciously opened their offices as collection points for the food. Churches delivered food filling their offices, halls and storage rooms. Trucking companies picked up the food from the Association offices and delivered this great expression of your love and concern. ***Thank you.***

(The next Food Roundup is slated for April 2005.)

Last year, nearly 2000 videos of *Jennifer's Story* were distributed to churches. The video told how North Carolina Baptists made a difference in the life of Jennifer Shore. Jennifer found hope and healing at Baptist Children's Homes. As an adult she and her husband returned to become child care workers. More than 600 churches invited BCH representatives to share how the lives of children, children like Jennifer, are being changed every day. United together, North Carolina Baptists not only met the 2003 Thanksgiving Offering goal, but exceeded it! ***Thank you.***

Baptist Children's Homes is at the center of North Carolina Baptists' hearts. Their actions prove it! Jesus challenged us all when he said, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Our children and staff, the people in your communities, and the citizens of North Carolina saw Jesus in action and our Heavenly Father was glorified! ***Thank you.***

Blackwell marks 20th year as president... On July 1, 1983, Michael C. Blackwell became president of BCH. Trustees honored his twenty years of ministry during their September 2003 board meeting with "A Celebration of Ministry."

BCH begins strategic planning process... BCH president Michael C. Blackwell initiated an agency year-long strategic planning effort. Blackwell says this is the most comprehensive effort since he became president. All areas of the agency are involved in

helping hurting children . . . healing broken families

BCH is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc.

the development of the plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Trustees at their September meeting. The plan will debut in January 2005.

Shine your light!... Inspired by North Carolina Baptists, this year's Thanksgiving Offering theme is "Shine your light." Although blessings flowed freely in 2003 helping to avert more difficult hardships, our need remains great. Children and families continue to pour out their hurt on our doorsteps. Alone and suffering, children need to know that in their journey of darkness there is a light shining, guiding them to a better day. You help keep the light on and shining bright as we, day-to-day, offer help in Jesus' name. Our statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal this year is \$1,300,000. This represents a \$75,000 increase over last year's offering goal. An increase demanded by necessity. Challenge your church to participate in the 2004 Thanksgiving Offering. ***Our success depends on you.***

BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. BCH holds true to its mission of ***"helping hurting children... healing broken families."***

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. ***Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.***

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Abe Elmore, Board of Trustees Chair
Fall 2004

2004 Report to the Associations



BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS:

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

The mission of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God," reflects our distinctive heritage of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Since 1923 we have been privileged and grateful to be partners in mission with North Carolina Baptists, touching the lives of hurting people with great hope and strengthening the ministries of churches.

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING:

PARTNERS IN BENEVOLENT CARE

Real Needs...Real Hope...In the Name of Christ and His Love

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving compassionate witness to the love of Christ through the Mother's Day Offering! Every dollar of every gift (\$584,958 in 2003) relieves the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where else to turn for help, they find Christ reaching to them through you.

A recent recipient, suffering from life-threatening illness and worried sick about the burden of her hospital bill, received a letter that changed her life. The words of grace resounded, "Your hospital bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love."

With deep thankfulness she replied, "I greatly appreciate the love of God that North Carolina Baptists have shared with me. This gift in the name of Jesus Christ has lifted a heavy burden, and I could never say thank you enough. God bless those who give for their compassion."

The needs of many patients far exceed the resources available to help them. Please give generously so more can be helped in the name of Christ's love.

THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE:

PARTNERS IN MINISTRIES OF GROWTH, HOPE, AND HEALING

North Carolina Baptists, by *Cooperative Missions Giving*, provide healing ministry to thousands of hurting people, strengthen the effectiveness of hundreds of churches, and equip scores of ministers for service through the School of Pastoral Care.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers provide a statewide, faith-based counseling network that extends the ministry of churches. Pastors are the largest single referral source, and members of Baptist churches are the largest group being served. Through 22 locations we will provide nearly 23,000 hours of pastoral counseling in 2004. Thanks to Cooperative Missions Giving, counseling that shares Christ's compassion and hope is made affordable and subsidized for those who need assistance.

The Center for Congregational Health, with the support of North Carolina Baptists, provides three vital ministries that enhance the effectiveness of churches. The Center is strengthening 25 churches per month through consultation services, assisting churches with strategic planning, team development, and conflict resolution. Leadership development programs are training 20 ministers per month, strengthening these clergy for more effective service. The Center has trained nearly 1,400 pastors as interim ministers and intentional interim specialists.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides training in pastoral ministry to nearly 55 students per year, and extends compassionate spiritual care to patients and families through 60,000 ministry contacts. Our North Carolina Baptist partners, through Cooperative Missions Giving, allow tuition to be affordable for these ministers. Our churches reap the benefits, as pastors learn to provide high quality pastoral care in times of crises, deepen their own faith, and enhance their evangelism.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Caring for Ministers and Their Families

- N.C. Baptist ministers and their families receive a **subsidy of up to 25%** on their hospital bills at Baptist Hospital, a helping hand that brings tremendous relief and gratitude. It is made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with support from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. An average of \$60,369 per year has been provided during the last five years.
- Our CareNet Counseling Centers, in partnership with the Baptist State Convention, provide the **Ministers' Care Plan** to full-time, ordained ministers serving N.C. Baptist churches, and their immediate families. Confidential pastoral counseling is made available for \$20 per session at a CareNet center, with the BSC and CareNet covering the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

National Rankings Reflect Commitment to Excellence

- We are consistently rated among the nation's top 50 hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- We are **one of America's top 15 major teaching hospitals**, according to the Solucient Top 100 Hospitals. This listing is one of the nation's most comprehensive ratings of hospitals.
- We are **one of America's Top Cardiac Centers for Women** (*Good Housekeeping*, 2004).
- We have been ranked as **one of America's top cancer centers** since 1996 by *U.S. News and World Report*. Our **Outpatient Comprehensive Cancer Center**, one of the nation's most advanced treatment centers, opened in the summer 2004.
- We are in the **top one percent in patient satisfaction** among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, one of the healthcare industry's leading patient satisfaction measurement firms.

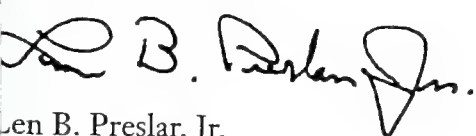
Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The compassionate, healing ministry of Christ continues to be realized in remarkable ways at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. We are profoundly thankful for the privilege of serving Christ by serving others through these ministries of growth, hope, and healing. We are deeply grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in ministry, and pray that God's love will continue to shine rays of healing hope through our common mission.

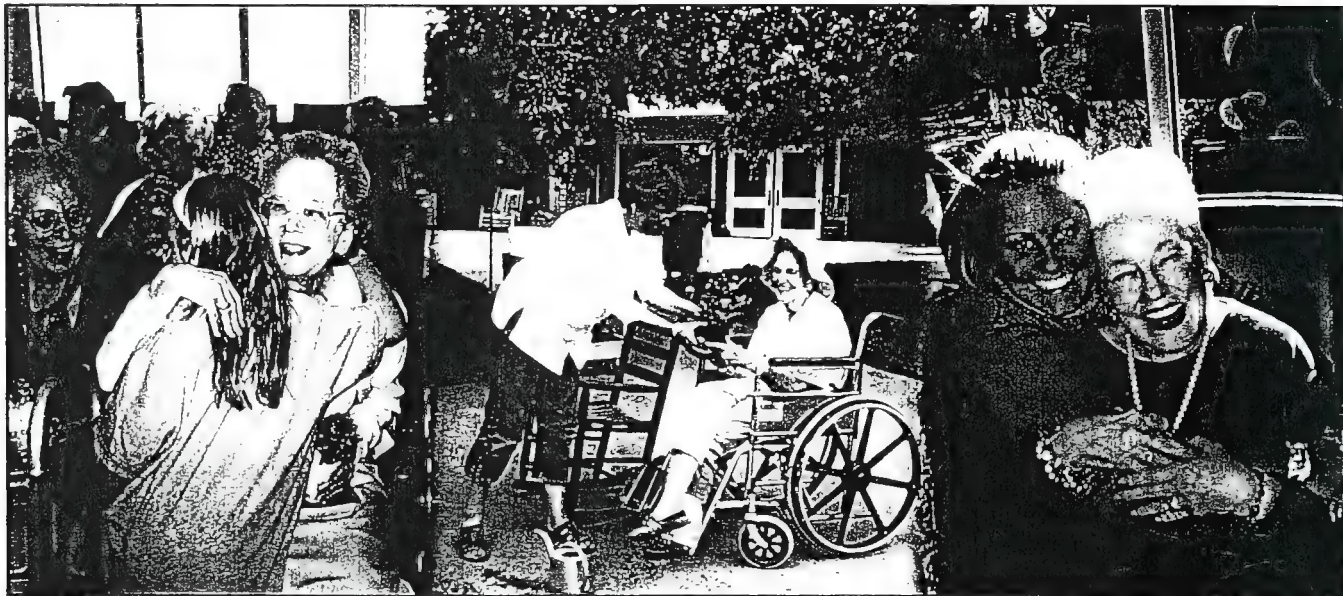
Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar, Jr.

President

North Carolina Baptist Hospital



"Lord...you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." –Psalm 16:5-6

Because of your generosity, Psalm 16 is a fitting scripture for the over 700 Older Adults who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated...

Their lot has been made secure—

All of your gifts through the Cooperative Giving Plans of the Baptist State Convention, through the February North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and through direct gifts from the churches are designated to provide care for those who otherwise could not receive care. Many of our Assisted Living care residents and the majority of our Nursing Care residents receive financial assistance from you. Furthermore our promise to each of our residents is care that will last for as long as they live.

Their boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places—

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville ... at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem ... at The Taylor House in Albemarle ... and at Hamilton Baptist Home in northeastern North Carolina, beauty, security, and comfort are found in full measure.

They have a delightful inheritance—

At each of the Homes, the ministry of a Baptist Chaplain lifts the hearts of our residents. The enrichment and recreational opportunities at each Home make for an enjoyable lifestyle. Day after day the high quality of care that is given speaks of the care of a loving Heavenly Father, helping to make life for our Aging Saints...The Best of Times!

The Baptist Elder Care Network – Simple Answers • 1-800-887-7410

*A statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons
A free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes*

Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Antioch – Completed new education building/fellowship hall. Dedication to be held late September or early October, 2004.

East Taylorsville – Celebrated the 80th anniversary of the church in February 2004.

Hiddenite – Promoting “Making a Difference”.

Linney’s Grove – Paid off church debt on new addition built in 2002.

Little River – Mr. Phil Jolly announced his calling into the ministry of the Lord on Sunday, November 16, 2003. Mr. Jolly was licensed to preach on Sunday, November 23, 2003. We began the third phase of our building project during July 2004.

Taylorsville First – 152nd Homecoming Celebration

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk



Digest of Letters

IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.

Churches	County	Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/ Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions
Antioch	Alexander	643	33	54	317	196	308	61	130	176	49	523,146	56,967	26,647	2,600
550 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Bethlehem	Alexander	1,070	11	12	620	341	286	64	118	69	67	665,164	79,438	61,687	4,200
7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Beulah	Alexander	256	0	0	70	50		0	38	0	0	36,931	0	0	0
605 Linney's Min Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Calvary/131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	294	0	0	197	152	126	0	235	0	0	327,048	115,330	0	0
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1,557	21	30	669	425	340	373	185	87	75	783,389	109,223	14,000	9,500
644 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Hiddenite	Alexander	326	7	10	161	96	75	0	22	70	0	171,123	17,032	6,000	5,520
250 Hiddenite Church Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Lebanon	Alexander	204	3	1	92	60	67	0	86	0	0	159,742	52,973	17,211	2,914
167 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Linney's Grove	Alexander	213	4	1	117	100	106	0	27	0	0	129,127	4,428	1,000	1,400
6160 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Little River	Alexander	379	2	2	178	126	121	87	111	0	0	287,165	101,387	29,230	8,517
2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Macedonia	Alexander	178	4	9	63	48	123	0	35	15	0	110,450	4,799	0	1,677
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Millersville	Alexander	780	15	12	241	290	265	0	97	75	41	470,845	86,021	46,282	2,800
130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Mountain Ridge	Alexander														
47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Mt Herman	Alexander	274	13	0	148	112	90	9	39	44	19	248,083	46,368	26,000	6,600
3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Mt Olive	Alexander	162	3	5	42	30	61	0	35	0	0	53,243	3,400	275	0
210 Mt Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Pilgrim	Alexander	202	1	1	93	63	65	0	42	7	0	78,120	5,715	650	1,445
965 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	318	10	3	127	87	108	0	95	0	0	285,125	41,016	16,376	4,200
31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Smyrna	Alexander	248	13	11	85	70	91	0	65	27	13	0	0		
8174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Stony Point	Alexander	808	6	0	269	155	205	63	91	45	38	374,248	70,191	35,680	8,109
231 Runtan Park Road, Stony Point NC 28678															
Sulphur Springs	Alexander	359	11	11	213	182	203	0	100	60	50	259,341	47,381	28,000	2,000
116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Taylorsville First	Alexander	582	7	4	251	132	120	0	30	85	10	575,986	37,955	7,722	1,742
405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Three Forks	Alexander	672	19	11	369	256	136	162	135	73	27	677,377	111,107	40,281	8,000
4685 Three Forks Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
TOTALS		9,325	183	177	4,312	2,981	2,866	819	1,716	833	389	6,215,053	990,741	357,021	69,024
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		8,267	238	174	4,487	2,907	3,077	442	1,709	849	503	5,914,877	942,021	342,323	73,269

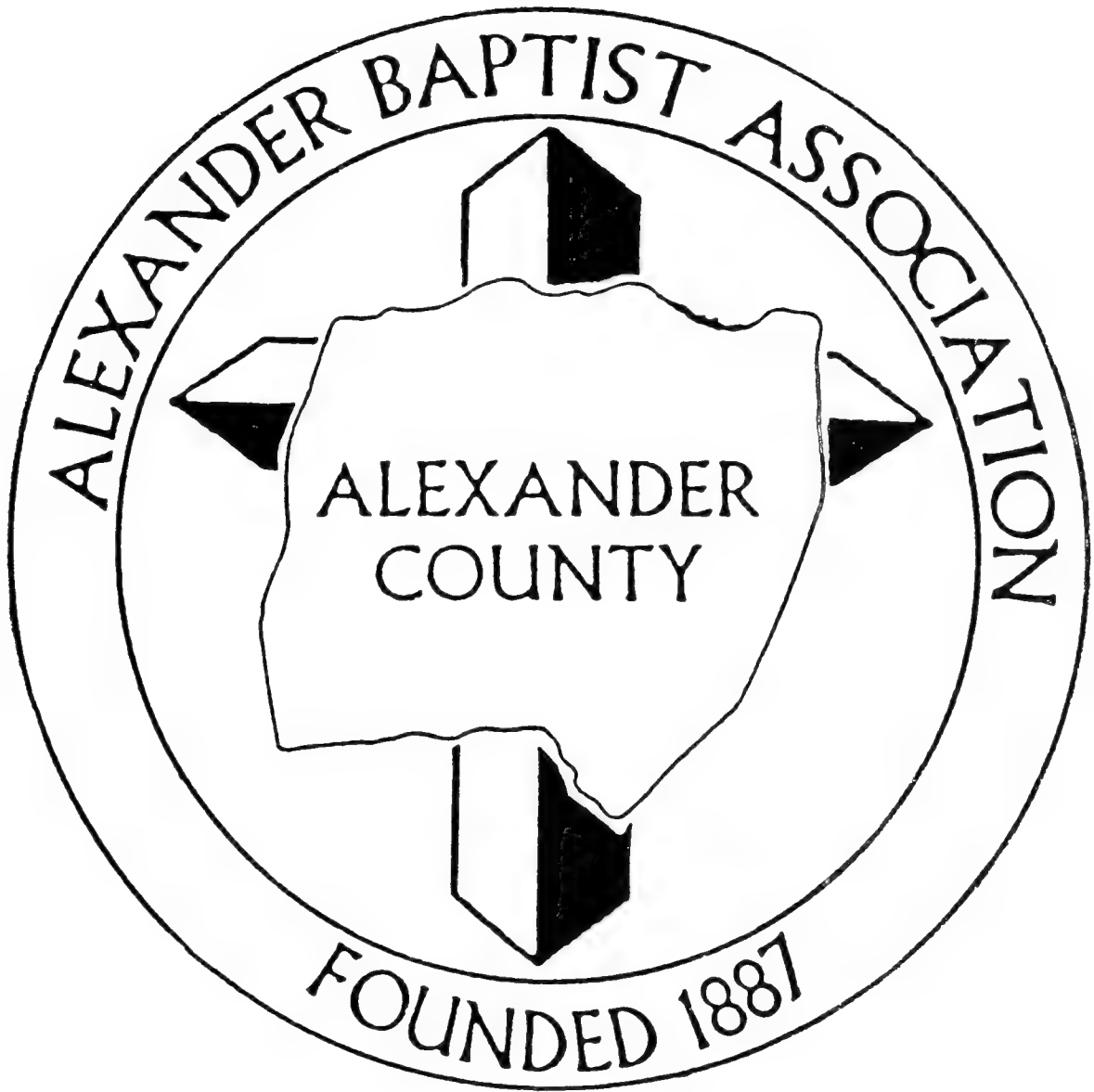
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“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38

2005 BOOK OF REPORTS



A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER

(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...Acts 1:8)

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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

ANTIOCH
 BETHLEHEM
 BEULAH
 CALVARY
 HIDDENITE
 LEBANON
 LINNEY'S GROVE
 LITTLE RIVER
 MACEDONIA
 MILLERSVILLE
 MT HERMAN
 MT OLIVE
 MOUNTAIN RIDGE
 PILGRIM
 PLEASANT HILL
 SMYRNA
 STONY POINT
 SULPHUR SPRINGS
 TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
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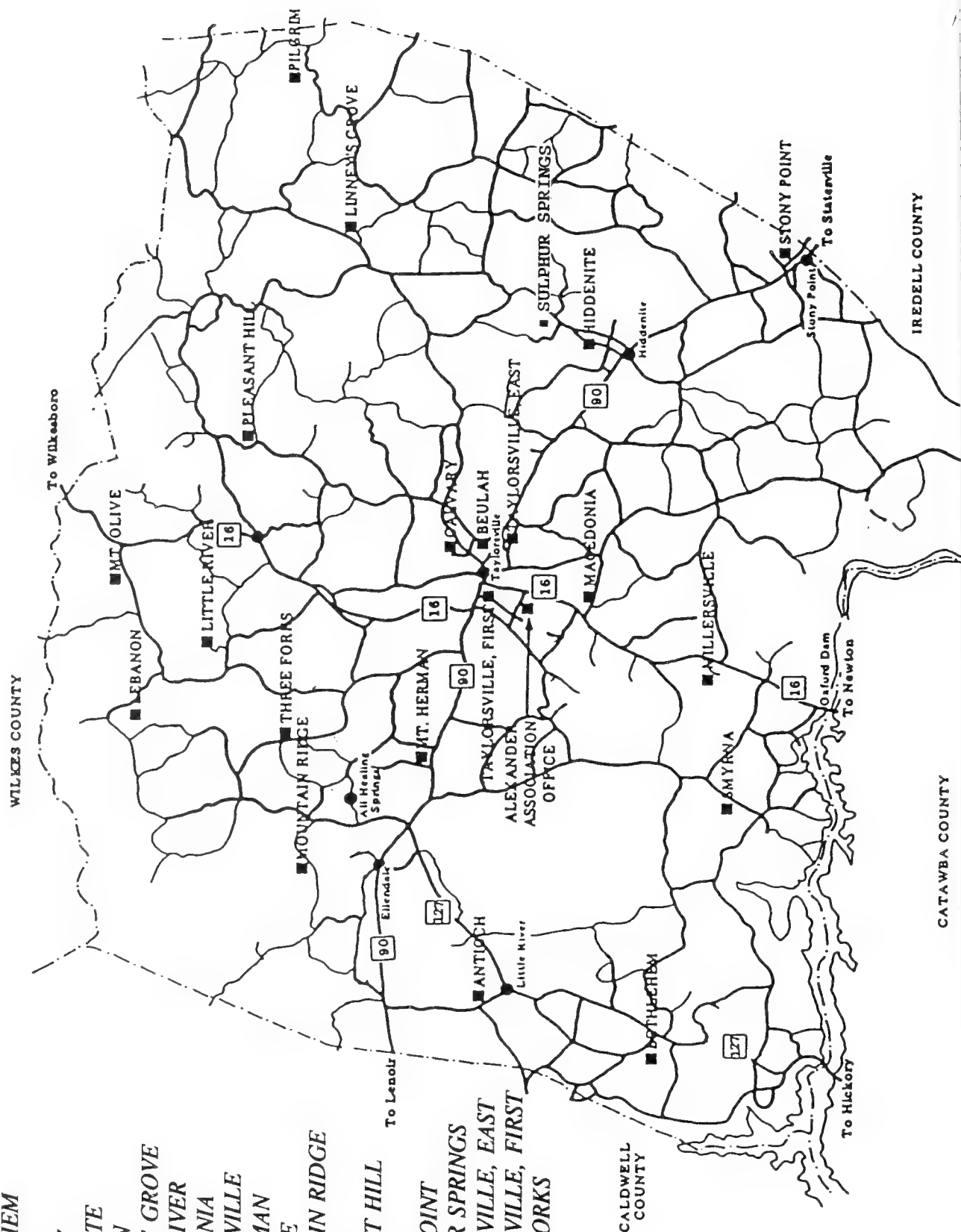


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In Memoriam

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Mrs. Blanch Benfield
Mrs. Betty Jo Teague Jolly
Mrs. Betty Sigmon Little
Mr. Russell Sigmon
Mrs. Louise Strickland

Bethlehem

Sally Abernathy
Sterling Fox
Tommy Frye
Marilyn Hefner
Vince Knode
Mary Lou Lail
Fred Lowman
Patricia McCall
Lynn Teague

Calvary

Hazel Simmons

East Taylorsville

Mr. Skip Akers
Mr. Ralph Chapman, Deacon
Mr. R.B. Hall, Deacon
Mr. Jerry Harrington
Mrs. Madge Little
Mrs. Rosalie Mayberry
Mr. Marshall Moss
Mr. Paul Pardue Sr, Deacon
Mr. Larry Pennell
Mrs. Maggie Pennell
Mrs. Ruby Smith
Mrs. Nell Steele

Lebanon

Mr. Jeff Dillard

Linney's Grove

Mr. Harry Clements
Mr. Thomas Coley
Mr. Mickey Wiles

Little River

Mrs. Hazel Teague

Macedonia

Mr. Hugh Chatham
Mrs. Thelma Fox
Mrs. Dalpha Loudermilk

Millersville

Mrs. Carol Akers
Mrs. Jo James
Mr. Alan Jolly
Mr. James Sweet

Mt. Herman

Mrs. Thelma Deal
Mr. Flake Dyson, Deacon
Mrs. Arcola Johnson
Mrs. MaryBell Montgomery
Mrs. Esther Watts

Mt. Olive

Mrs. Louella Herman

Pilgrim

Mrs. Lydia Bunton
Mr. Jesse Millsaps

Pleasant Hill

Mrs. Ila Jolly

Smyrna

Mr. Gene Barkley
Mr. Escar Bowman
Mr. McRee Bowman
Mrs. Mildred Fox
Mrs. Judy George

Stony Point

Mrs. Christine Estes
Mrs. Nicole Moore

Sulphur Springs

Mr. R.Z. Hendren
Mr. Virgil High, Deacon

Taylorsville, First

Mrs. Florence Davis
Mr. J.C. Dyson
Mrs. Ethel Hafer
Mrs. Gertie Isenhour
Mr. Justin Isenhour
Mr. Gerald Millsaps
Miss Hazel Teague
Mr. Loy Warren

Three Forks

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Mrs. Irene Mitchell
Mrs. Maude Teague
Miss Chris Walker
Mrs. Norine Walker
Mrs. Lucille Walker
Mrs. Mary White

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

“IGNITING A PASSION FOR JESUS”

David Jeremiah in his book “Life Wide Open” (Unleashing the Power of a Passionate Life) said:

“Passionate people live wide open, holding nothing back, because their purpose in life is defined in terms of passionately doing what they love.”

He said: “Passionate people would rather fail at something they love than succeed at something they hate. They define success in terms of excitement, enthusiasm, adventure, and joy. It never crosses their mind that what they do for a living is something others would call “work”. It’s something that comes up from the depths of who they are. Passion has infused what they do with joy. As British preacher Charles Spurgeon said, “It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness.”

The teachings of Jesus are clear: We honor and please the Lord through a passionate enthusiastic faith that is committed to fulfilling The Great Commission.

John Wesley said: “Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.”

John Elliott said, “Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”

I give thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for the pastors, staff, churches and lay people in the Alexander Baptist Association. I commend you and give the honor and praise to the Lord for your cooperative team spirit. The Lord is aware of your caring attitude and generosity to His Kingdom.

I also want to commend and thank the Baptist Men, WMU, the Alexander Singing Seniors, all committee members in the association, and all pastors. Also, Happy Trails Cowboy Church and the three mission churches and their pastors: African-American Mission, Hispanic Mission, and the Hmong Mission. You are an inspirational joy and blessing.

I owe a word of gratitude and appreciation to Phil Addison, Scott Huffman, Mitch King, Marvin Yarborough, and Dr Jack Carver, and all the pastors and churches that helped plan and coordinate the Youth Rally in August. Please forgive me if I have left anyone out.

Last but not least, I am grateful to Mrs Bobbi Glass for her diligent, faithful service to the Lord as the Associational Secretary and Treasurer.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BROTHER PAUL SCHRONCE. Take time to send Paul, Annette and the boys a word of encouragement. Your prayers, words of encouragement, will enable him to HOLD ON AND PRESS ON UNTIL THERE'S HEALING AND RESTORATION FROM THE LORD.

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORS AND STAFF. Pray for the Lord to give them guidance and wisdom. Pray for the Lord to fill them with His power and His spirit. Love them! Encourage them! Support them! REMEMBER: October is Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month. Let them know you appreciate them.

PRAY FOR THE EDIFYING, EQUIPPING OF THE BELIEVERS IN THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. PRAY for the Lord to enable our churches to continue giving generously and sacrificially to missions.

PRAY for the uniting of our churches into one positive cooperative body so that we may fulfill the Great Commission together.

GOD GIVES US AN AMAZING PROMISE IN Psalm 2. He says: "Ask of Me and I will surely give the nations as your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as your possessions." (Psalm 2:8).

ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE, GOD'S DESIRE IS TO BE EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS. We are told in Psalm 22: "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before you. For the Kingdom is the Lord's and He rules the nations." (Psalm 22:27-28)

May the Lord bless and reward you as you use your talents and spiritual gifts for the growth of His Kingdom.

Together in His Witness,

o

Kenneth Lambert
Director of Missions

Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. On Sunday, July 15, 2005, a meeting of the clerks in the Association was held to discuss and to distribute the 2005 Congregation Profile. Again this year, we had eight of the twenty-one clerks attended this meeting. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We will continue to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms this year. This is the seventh year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had a five out of twenty-one churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2004.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time. Clerks in bold completed the profile online this year:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch
Mr. Tim Deaton	-	Bethlehem
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville
Mr. Aaron Spry	-	Hiddenite
Mrs. Tammy Fortner	-	Lebanon
Mrs. Donna Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove
Miss Suzanne Goble	-	Little River
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia
Mrs. Joyce Payne	-	Millersville
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna
Mrs. Debbie Jenkins	-	Stony Point
Mrs. Kay Durmire	-	Sulphur Springs
Mrs. Nancy Carrigan	-	Taylorsville, First
Mrs. Debbie Messer	-	Three Forks

THANKS again to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of your church and sharing with the Association how that the Lord has blessed your church. May God continue to richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and your Church.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Sunday School Director's Report

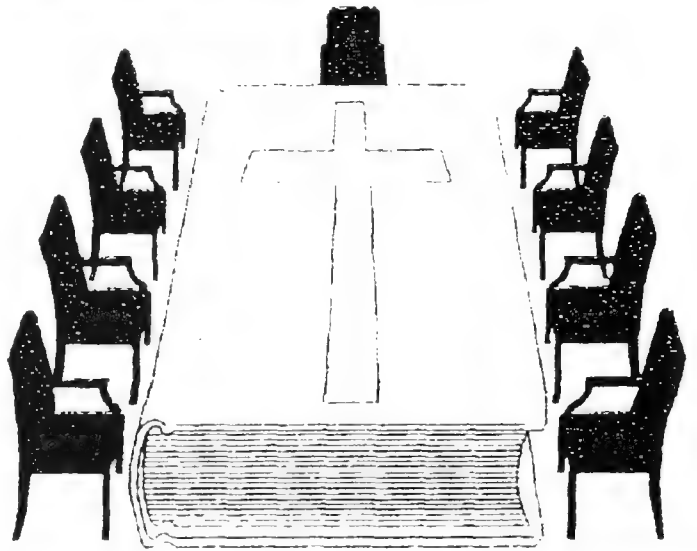
This past year a lot of our churches have gone through some big changes. Even though some things change we can be assured as well as glad that God's Word never changes. That is why it is so important not only to train up our children using the Word of God but also to shore up adults with the same Word of God. I'm thankful that Sunday School can help us in our quest to be better Christians as well as to help us expand our Father's Kingdom.

With our new DOM now well in place I will be working with him in the coming year to evaluate our associations Sunday School needs and to establish a plan for strengthening the Sunday Schools in our associational churches. At this time I am planning a Sunday School training session for all Sunday School teachers to be held in August of 2006.

In closing let me remind you that we do have several resources at the associational office to help aid you in making your Sunday School the best that it can be. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas regarding Sunday School, please feel free to get in contact with me and I along with the rest of the Associational Sunday School team will do all we can to help you and your church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet
wiser;
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.*

MEDIA LIBRARY REPORT

Several excellent kits have been added to the Media Library collection during the past year. At this time all of the materials have been cataloged - some are waiting for spine labels to be added. You may check out this material at your convenience.

Some of the more recent items are as follow:

Three times a year we receive "MANDATE" Videos. They give us an overview of Missions going on in North Carolina, across the nation, as well as Global Missions. Baptist Men and WMU leaders in our churches enjoy using these for their mission emphasis. Also, we have "THE BEST MOMENTS OF MANDATE" in CD form.

UPCLOSE News and Opinions in cassette form are received monthly; we always receive two tapes.

Just a few of our MODULES:

"Believing in God" – by Beth Moore - CD's

"Man of His Word, Calling Men to Integrity and Leadership"
A Video Training Program – by Rev Adrian Rogers

"Woman to Woman – Mentoring; How to Start, Grow, and
Maintain a Mentoring Ministry" – by Janet Thompson.
Kit contains CD, Video, Cassette Tape and Four Leadership
Books.

And many other wonderful modules and resources!

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs Bobbi Glass
Associational Secretary

THE CCM'S CORNER

Church & Community Ministries Director

This past year has been a productive year for our associational churches in church and community missions. Our goal has been to see our churches take the initiative in mission projects and they have stepped up to do just that.

We are seeing more churches involved in both home and foreign missions with the National and International mission boards than at any other times. Our churches continue to work with many independent projects that they have become aware of.

Our annual Christmas Store is going through the largest renovation in its operating history. Your packets that contain all of the necessary information for this year's Operation Christmas Spirit are going out during the fall associational meeting.

Our churches and their Youth responded to the tornado that impacted the southern area of Alexander County and we were able to spend over 500 hours of recovery work in that area in a three-day period of time. The disaster relief workshop had just been conducted in Alexander County at East Taylorsville Baptist just before this incident. It came in handy during the coordination for the recovery effort just days later.

Our medical/dental van from the NC Baptist Men was made available during the Hispanic outreach at Millersville Church in September. This was a big boost for outreach for the new mission there.

If you would like information on possible mission involvement here, or abroad please contact the association office. We are ready to assist you in anyway possible. Instead of "come and help us", let us "come and help you."

Prayerfully submitted,

Gary W. Jennings
Church and Community Missions Director

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HMONG MISSION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2004-2005

The Hmong Mission has had a fruitful, busy year and we continue to meet at Hiddenite Baptist Church. We currently meet every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall with an average attendance of 21 members (total of 7 families, 4 families attend regularly and the other 3 families are non-regular). Our Wednesday night attendance has been strong, averaging about 25 to 30 children on a regular basis. The Association Van has been put to good use and a blessing for the mission.

Two refugee families from Thailand and a family from Laos have moved into our area in recent months. We, along with help from other association churches helped them get food, clothing and living necessities. One of the refugees has started attending the mission church. Pray as we share a faith that is new to her. It is hard to break the bonds of a religion she has practiced for over sixty years. Because of the assistance and love shown to her from Christians, she has developed a desire to find out who Jesus is.

The Hmong Mission is now actively seeking to relocate into a building of our own. We feel it is time for us to take leadership in the responsibility of all aspects of church. We still will need some financial and other assistance. Our goal, however, is to be a fully constituted church within five years. We are communicating with the Hmong Mission of First Baptist Church in Hickory. We feel that joining the two congregations will benefit both missions. Pray for us as we search for a location and a building for joining our mission - our target is to have this completed by the end of the year or sooner.

We appreciate the video made for us by Barbara Sprinkle. It has allowed us to share our testimony and our expectations for our mission with

churches within the Alexander Baptist Association. Thanks to the churches for allowing us to share this video with you. We have watched God do great miracles within our mission for these seven years of our existence. We are joyful in anticipation that He has just begun His good work in us.

Continue to pray for us as we reach out to our lost Hmong families and friends. It is our desire that all come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Toua Khang
Hmong Spiritual Leader



Thanks to everyone who worked on the Fall Youth Rally. It was a blessing to see so many adults and youth from different churches working together on a common goal to reach the youth of our county. Altogether Broken, a local group, led us in celebrating Jesus in a hot and humid gym. Lance Brown, the Vanderbilt University football team chaplain, challenged a crowd to live a life of purity as they followed Christ.

This event is just the beginning of a True Love Waits emphasis. In January we would like to see as many churches as possible teaching a series on purity to youth. Lance Brown will be back on February 26-27 to lead in a very special celebration time for youth to make a commitment to purity. Please, do not sit back and let this time pass. You are needed to reach out to this generation before it's too late! The harvest is plentiful, are you going to help? We should not grow weary for we will see results in His time. (Matt.9:37, Gal.6:9).

Serving until He comes,

Youth Committee

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SEMINARY EXTENSION

Alexander Baptist Association presently has no Seminary Extension centers in operation. Inquiry has been made as to the process involved in establishing a center.

The first step is an interest among the churches for such a center. If such an interest exists, we will secure the necessary information and begin the process for having a center functioning in the county.

Respectfully presented,

Dr Jack Carver

**Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget
September 2005 through August 2006**

Salaries and Benefits

		<u>2004-2005</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>
Church & Comm. Missions Director:	Salary	\$ 2,217.28	*	\$ 1,713.28
	Travel	360.00	*	-0-
	Conf. Allow.	150.00		150.00
Secretary/Treasurer:	Salary	17,062.50		17,062.50
	Insurance	3,600.00		5,100.00
	Annuity	945.00		945.00
	Conference	165.00	*	-0-
	Christmas Bonus	250.00		250.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary		1,305.28		1,305.28
Director of Missions:	Salary	8,270.24		7,070.24
	Utilities/Housing	8,000.00		7,520.00
	Annuity	2,400.00		2,400.00
	Med. Insurance	4,880.40		5,360.40
	AD&D, Dis, ELife	249.36		249.36
	Est. NC Tax	200.00		160.00
	Christmas Bonus	<u>500.00</u>		<u>500.00</u>

Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:		\$50,555.06		\$49,786.00
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Operation Expenses

Utilities		\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00
1) Electricity/Water				
2) Telephone				
3) Internet Access				
4) DOM Cell Phone				
Equipment - Purchases		1,000.00		1,000.00
General Supplies		2,000.00		2,000.00
Postage & Box Rental		1,600.00		1,600.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance		2,500.00		1,500.00
Grounds/Facility Repairs		1,100.00		750.00
Travel - DOM		-0-		1,200.00
* Travel - CCM		-0-		360.00
* Secretary Conference		-0-		165.00
Insurance - Property		1,000.00		1,000.00
Office Cleaning		600.00		600.00
Miscellaneous		200.00		200.00
Media Center		<u>700.00</u>		<u>700.00</u>

Operation Expenses Subtotal:		\$15,200.00		\$15,575.00
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* Balance of CCM Salary comes from BSCNC

* Items moved to Operation Expenses

**Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget
September 2005 through August 2006
Page Two**

<u>Ministry Expenses</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Baptist Men	200.00	200.00
Christian Life	100.00	100.00
Deaconship	100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00	200.00
DOM-Conventions/Books/Conference	1,000.00	1,000.00
Evangelism	2,000.00	1,000.00
Hmong Ministry	3,600.00	3,600.00
Key Leadership	500.00	500.00
Ministers' Conference (speakers)	250.00	250.00
Ministry (Discretionary Fund for DOM)	400.00	400.00
Missions Development – Toy Store	3,000.00	3,000.00
Music-Alexander Singing Seniors	1,000.00	1,000.00
Operation InAsMuch	2,400.00	* -0-
Pastors' Fellowship	-0-	-0-
Senior Adults	700.00	700.00
Single Adult Ministry	150.00	150.00
Stewardship	100.00	100.00
Sunday School	500.00	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	500.00	500.00
Youth	1,000.00	3,850.00
Transportation – Van Gas/Ins/Tag/Maintenance	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
Ministry Expenses Subtotal:	\$20,350.00	\$20,200.00
 TOTALS:	 \$86,105.06	 \$85,561.06
 <u>Designated Funds from Baptist State Convention of NC:</u>		
* Operation InAsMuch (local missions)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
African-American Mission/Higher Ground Bapt. Church		
BSCNC paid February through August 2005	7,000.00	2,400.00
Hmong Mission	1,200.00	1,200.00
Church & Community Missions Director	<u>504.00</u>	<u>504.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$11,104.00	\$ 6,504.00

Senior Adult Ministry

Our seniors continue to be active in Alexander County. The one event that has been a favorite is our annual Spring Conference. This activity has been a wonderful time of fellowship as our people have come together from many area churches. We schedule this session on the first Saturday of May at First Baptist Church. We begin at 9:00am and end about 1:00pm. There is special music, guest speakers, door prizes, and a catered lunch. For the last three years, music has been presented by: Rodney and Sylvia Boutwell, Hometown Harmony, Alexander Singing Seniors, Three Forks Singers, and The ETBC Double Quartet. Our speakers have been: Max Pendleton, Marion Powell, Richard Brown, Gary Jennings, Mike Runion, and Bobby Robertson. Next year our Spring Conference will be held on May 6. Music and Speakers will be announced later.

Rodney Boutwell

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2005 – DECEMBER 2006**

<u>OCTOBER 2005</u>	<u>EMPHASIS: COOPERATIVE PROGRAM</u>
	<u>CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH</u>
2	On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday
5	Fall Senior Adult Conference, Caraway
6	<u>118th ABA ANNUAL SESSION - SULPHUR</u>
	<u>SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH 4-9PM</u>
7-8	Royal Ambassador Leadership Training
7-8	Fall Sunday School Leadership Conference-Caswell
9	ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Linney's Grove
	Baptist Church, Hiddenite – 6:00 PM
9	World Hunger Day
10	Rev Dale Fisher, Caldwell Assoc. DOM, to present
	"Strategy Planning for the Association" 7pm-ABA
10-12	Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
11	ABA Pastors' Conference 10AM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
13	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
14-15	New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
15	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival 9AM-4PM
17	"Pursuing Vital Ministry", South Yadkin Association
	10 AM -1:30, Lunch provided w/reservation
21	African-American Spouse Conference, Caraway
21	WMU Resource Team Update, Camp Mundo Vista
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
28-29	Women of Faith, Charlotte Coliseum
30	Daylight Saving Time ends
31-11/1	Pursuing Vital Ministry, Pastors' Exploration Experience
	Hollifield Leadership Conference Center

NOVEMBER 2005 CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION

MONTH IN THE CHURCHES

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| 1 | Region 7 Men's Ministry Rally |
| 4 | Deadline for Christmas Store Applications 4:30 PM |
| 4-5 | Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest |
| 5 | Fall Sunday School Leadership Conf.-Northeast |
| 6 | On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday |
| 6 | ABA Singing Seniors Concert, Antioch Church 6:00 PM |
| 6-13 | Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches |
| 7 | Baptist Women's Day of Prayer |
| 7-9 | NC Baptist Secretaries' Conference, Caraway |
| 8 | Pastors' Fellowship/Conference, 10 AM |
| 8 | Election Day |
| 8 | ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM |
| 10-12 | Congregational Leadership Days
Hollifield Leadership Center |
| 11 | Veterans' Day |
| 13-20 | Week of Prayer and Special Offering for
Baptist Children's Homes |
| 14-16 | Baptist State Convention Annual Session
Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Winston-Salem |
| 22 | ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM |
| 23 | Association-Wide Thanksgiving Service TBD |
| 24 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 24-25 | Office Closed |

DECEMBER 2005 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS STORE MONTH

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|---|---|
| 1 | ABA Executive Council 7PM |
| 3 | WMU Days at "Operation Christmas Child"
Processing Center - Samaritan's Purse, Charlotte |

- 3 ABA Singing Seniors Perform with ACHS Chorus
for Hospice Benefit – in New Auditorium
- 4 ABA Singing Seniors Christmas Concert
East Taylorsville Baptist Church, 2:30 PM
- 4-11 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International
Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5 WMU Days at “Operation Christmas Child”
Processing Center – Samaritan’s Purse, Charlotte
- 6 Pastors’ Christmas Banquet, Stony Point
Baptist Church - Lindsey Hall, 7:00 PM
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 11 ABA Singing Seniors Christmas Concert
Antioch Baptist Church, 2:30 PM
- 12-13 ABA Christmas Store Collection and Store Set Up,
East Taylorsville Baptist Church Gym, 8:00 AM
- 14-15 ABA Christmas Store Distribution for Needy Families
East Taylorsville Baptist Church Gym, 8:00 AM
- 13 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 13 Pastors’ Fellowship/Conference, 10 AM
- 21 Winter begins
- 23,26,27 Office Closed for Christmas
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – Our Lord’s Birthday Celebration

JANUARY 2006

- 1 NEW YEAR’S DAY
- 2 Office Closed – Holiday
- 5 ABA WINTER QUARTERLY SESSION
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH– 7PM
- 10 Pastors’ Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
- 10 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 12 Church Secretaries’ Fellowship, Noon
- 14-17 WMU, SBC Board Meeting, Birmingham AL

- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20-21 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 20-21 NCWMU Exec. Brd, Convention Bldg, Cary
- 22 Baptist Men's Day in Churches
- 24 BSC Executive Committee, Caraway
- 24 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 24-25 BSC Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway
- 25-26 Associational Staff/Convention Staff Meeting, Caraway

FEBRUARY 2006 EMPHASIS: "TRUE LOVE WAITS"

- 5-12 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for
Baptist Retirement Homes
- 7 State Evangelism Conference TBA
- 12 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 13-19 Focus on WMU-Churches and Associations
- 14 Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10AM
- 14 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 19 Volunteers in Missions Day
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 24-25 Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention
- 25-26 "True Love Waits" Associational Youth Rally - ACHS
- 28 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

MARCH 2006

- 2 ABA Executive Council 7PM
- 4 RA Car Race Day
- 5-12 Week of Prayer and Mission Study and Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering for North American Missions

8	Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America
13-19	Youth Week
14	Pastor/Staff Appreciation Meal – FBC Taylorsville 6:30 PM, Sponsor-Baptist Hospital
14	ABA Singing Srs, Sr Center 7PM
14	Executive Committee Meeting, Caraway
16-18	Prayer Evangelism Conference, Biltmore Baptist Church, Asheville
19	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
20	First Day of Spring
22	New Minister Orientation
26	Associational Bible Drill, Bethlehem Baptist, 3:00 PM
26	On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday
28	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

APRIL 2006

1	Royal Ambassador Congress
1	GA Day, Camp Mundo Vista & other locations
2	Daylight Saving Time begins
2	SBS Seminaries Sunday
6	<u>ABA SPRING QUARTERLY SESSION</u> <u>HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM</u>
7-8	African-American Men's Conference, Ridgecrest
9	PALM SUNDAY
9	Cooperative Program Sunday
10-12	Retirement Growth Conference
11	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10AM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
13	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
14	GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed
16	EASTER SUNDAY – CHRIST IS RISEN!
17-21	Baptist Doctrine Study

21	State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournament Baptist Home Baptist Church, No. Wilkesboro, 9AM
21-23	WMU Missions Extravaganza, Ridgecrest
22	State Children Bible Drills, Baptist Home Baptist Church, No. Wilkesboro, 9AM
24	Baptist Singers Concert
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
26	Administrative Professionals/Secretaries' Day
28	State Youth Bible Drills and Youth Speakers Tournaments
29	State Children Bible Drills
30	Life Commitment Sunday

MAY 2006

4	National Day of Prayer
6	State RA/Challengers Track Meet
7	Senior Adult Sunday
7-14	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospital - Mother's Day Offering
8-14	Christian Home Week
9	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10AM
9	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
14	Mother's Day
19-20	WMU Executive Board, Camp Mundo Vista
20	State Finalists Drills and Tournaments
21-28	Associational Week of Prayer and Offering
22-28	On Mission in Baptist Associations
29	Memorial Day – Office Closed

JUNE 2006

VBS MONTH

1	ABA Executive Council 7PM
2-4	Hispanic WMU Annual Meeting, Caraway

4	Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism
5-11	Crossover, Greensboro
11-12	WMU, SBC Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, Greensboro
12-16	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
14	Flag Day
18	Father's Day
19-23	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
19-23	Ridgecrest Music Week
19-23	GA/Acteens Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
21	Summer begins
25	Adopt an Annuitant Sunday
26-30	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
27	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

JULY 2006

VBS MONTH

2	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
2-5	Camp Angel Tree, Camp Mundo Vista
3-8	Music Week at Caswell
4	Independence Day – Office Closed
10-12	Associational Summer Conference, Caraway
10-14	GA Mother/Daughter Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
11	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
11	Executive Committee Meeting, Caraway
13	<u>ABA SUMMER QUARTERLY SESSION</u> <u>LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM</u>
14-15	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training for New Leaders, Caraway
16	ABA Clerk's Meeting 3PM
17-21	Grace for the Journey, Caraway

24-28	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
31-8/4	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista

AUGUST 2006

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

7/31-8/4	GA Camp, Camp Mundo Vista
6	Social Issues Sunday
8	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
8	BSC Executive Committee Meeting, Caraway
10	ABA Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
11-12	Local Church Brotherhood Development, Caraway
13	Day of Prayer for Students
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
26	BSC Executive Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2006

NEW CHURCH YEAR

4	LABOR DAY – Office Closed
7	ABA Executive Council 7PM
10	Grandparent's Day
10	Single Adult Sunday
10-17	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
12	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
15	Clerk's Profiles Deadline
15-16	NCWMU Executive Board Meeting, Camp Mundo Vista
15-16	NCBM Board Meeting-Convention Building, Cary
17	Anti-Gambling Sunday
22-23	Fall Bible Study Leadership Equipping Seminars
23	First Day of Autumn

25	Discipleship Rally
26	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27-10/1	National WMU Event, Ridgecrest

<u>OCTOBER 2006</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS</u>
	<u>CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH</u>
1	On Mission Together: To Share the Gospel Sunday
2-4	Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
5	<u>119TH ABA ANNUAL SESSION</u>
	<u>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH 4 – 9 PM</u>
8	World Hunger Day
9-11	Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
10	Pastors Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
13-14	New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
14	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival, 9am-4pm
15	Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway
20	African-American Pastor and Spouse Conference, Caraway
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
27-28	WMU Potential Leaders Training, Camp Mundo Vista
27-28	Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte Coliseum
29	Daylight Saving Time Ends
30-11/2	Conferences for BSC Groups

<u>NOVEMBER 2006</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION MONTH</u>
11/30-11/2	Conferences for BSC Groups
2	Region 7 NC Baptist Men Ministry Rally
5	On Mission Together: Equipping the Next Generation Sunday ^o
5-12	RA Week in the Churches
6	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
6-8	NC Baptist Secretaries' Assoc. Conference

7	Election Day
11	Veterans' Day
12-19	Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes
13	Executive Committee Meeting, W-S
13-15	Baptist State Convention Annual Session, W-S
14	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
23	THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed 23, 24
28	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM

DECEMBER 2006 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS
CHRISTMAS STORE MONTH

3-10	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
7	ABA Executive Council 7PM
7	Pearl Harbor Day
11-12	ABA Christmas Store Collection and Store Set Up, Place TBD
12	Pastor Fellowship/Conference 10 AM
13-14	ABA Christmas Store Distribution for Needy Families, TBD
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr Center 7PM
22	Winter Begins
22,25,26	Office Closed for Christmas
25	CHRISTMAS DAY – Celebration of our Lord's Birthday



W M U R E P O R T

We were so pleased that many of the Association churches were involved in the 2004 WMU project which was the collection of socks for the North Carolina Women Prisoners.

So many socks were given!! We appreciated all the churches making such generations donations this year for such a worthy cause.

KNOWN Churches Participating:

Antioch, Bethlehem, East Taylorsville Baptist, First Baptist, Hiddenite, Millersville, Mt Herman, Stony Point and Sulphur Springs.

If your church participated in this project and it is not listed, we apologize. I understand some boxes came into the office when the secretary was out on lunch break.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McLain
Assoc. WMU Director

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1 2004 – AUGUST 31 2005**

Savings as of August 31 2005.....	\$ 2,808.03
Money Market Account	67,599.44
Alexander Evangelistic Fund CD	5,312.92
Hmong Mission Savings Account	3,226.46
Hmong (in regular checking)	5,637.71
Hmong CD's	9,000.00
Hispanic Mission (in Money Mkt Acct)	25,027.32
Hispanic Mission (in regular checking)	-3,879.90
Mein Mission (in regular checking)	4,350.00
Christian Action League-Savings	755.30
Ying Vang Family Fund-Savings	2,203.13
Balance on Hand September 1 2004	43,473.81
Receipts Toward Budget Requirements	76,049.58
Receipts For Non-Budget Items	75,924.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 195,447.77
Disbursements from Budgeted Funds	104,735.25
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items	60,598.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	165,333.85
BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 31 2005.....	\$ 30,113.92

RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....	\$ 2,600.00	Mt Herman.....	\$ 7,500.00
Bethlehem.....	4,200.00	Mt Olive.....	1,719.60
Beulah.....	-0-	Mountain Ridge.....	-0-
Calvary.....	-0-	Pilgrim.....	1,451.00
East Taylorsville	9,500.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3,000.00
Hiddenite.....	2,520.00	Smyrna.....	2,773.84
Lebanon.....	3,846.76	Stony Point.....	10,126.20
Linney's Grove	1,750.00	Sulphur Springs.....	2,900.00
Little River.....	6,713.62	Taylorsville First.....	2,148.64
Macedonia.....	2,700.00	Three Forks.....	<u>8,000.00</u>
Millersville.....	2,599.92	TOTAL	\$ 76,049.58

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 1,200.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	668.00
BSCNC "Operation Inasmuch".....	2,400.00

BSCNC Mein People Group.....	800.00
BSCNC Higher Ground Baptist Church.....	7,000.00
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	3,000.00
Hmong Mission General Offering.....	350.00
Hispanic Mission Offering-Pleasant Hill Church.....	100.00
NC Mission Offering Percentage Refund.....	2,515.00
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	906.16
Equipment Rebates.....	200.00
Operation Christmas Spirit-Toy Store.....	7,896.27
Rhonda Henderson-Disaster Relief Mission.....	36,031.25
Baptist Men Disaster Relief Van Fundraisers.....	6,140.58
BSCNC "Feed the Hungry" for Crisis Center.....	3,000.00
DOM Reimbursement BSC & SBC.....	1,383.80
Allen Lambert (DOM's brother) Memorial.....	500.00
Sale of 1986 Chevy Bus.....	1,250.00
DesignMaster Furn.-Rent for Toy Store Family.....	390.00
General Donations.....	244.90
Happy Trails Cowboy Church – General Donations.....	242.86
Christian Crisis Center-One Yr Lease Payment.....	1.00
Van Mileage.....	77.56
	<u>\$ 75,924.38</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 2,217.24
CCM Conference Allowance.....	23.16
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	17,062.76
Group Insurance.....	3,812.00
Retirement.....	945.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,259.24
Conference.....	-0-
Christmas Bonus.....	250.00
DOM Salary.....	8,078.28
NC Tax.....	160.00
Utilities/Housing.....	8,000.04
Insurance (Medical, AD&D, Dis., ELife).....	5,373.54
Retirement.....	2,400.00
Moving Expense.....	708.43
Christmas Bonus.....	500.00

OPERATION EXPENSES

Electricity and Water.....	\$ 2,194.98
Telephone and Internet Access.....	3,801.72
DOM Cell Phone.....	355.17
*Equipment (DOM computer, printer).....	4,400.12

General Supplies.....	2,737.43
Postage & Box Rental.....	1,626.08
Repairs & Maintenance.....	1,352.70
Grounds/Facility Repairs.....	1,025.36
Office Cleaning.....	600.00
Insurance (fire, theft, liability-property).....	933.93
Media Center.....	1,453.36
Miscellaneous.....	227.37

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Assoc. Speakers (Annual Meeting, Quarterly Sessions).....	625.00
Baptist Men.....	110.13
Christian Life.....	-0-
Deaconship.....	-0-
Discipleship.....	-0-
Dom Convention/Books/Conference.....	2,036.18
Evangelism.....	188.44
Hispanic Mission.....	8,717.19
Hmong Mission.....	9,723.72
Key Leadership.....	-0-
Mein People Group.....	-0-
Ministry Discretionary Fund.....	347.97
Missions Development – Toy Store Ministry.....	3,000.00
Operation InAsMuch.....	197.73
Music – Singing Seniors.....	994.55
Pastors Fellowship.....	300.00
Prison Ministry.....	-0-
Senior Adults.....	768.00
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	267.02
WMU.....	103.37
Youth.....	3,257.23
Transportation (Ins-2yrs/Repairs/Cleaning).....	<u>2,600.81</u>
(Van \$1,527.04/Bus \$710.91)	\$ 33,237.34

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Rhonda Henderson Disaster Relief (Marion Powell-mission).....	\$ 39,707.00
Larry Davis-mattresses/box springs for above mission.....	516.17
Wachovia Bank Charge.....	32.00
Operation Christmas Spirit-Toy Store.....	8,162.02
Rent Gift for Toy Store Family.....	390.00
Rev. John Mott, Higher Ground Baptist Church.....	7,000.00
Christian Crisis Center (BSC “Feed the Hungry” check).....	3,000.00
Disaster Relief Van Expenses.....	<u>1,791.41</u>
	\$ 60,598.60

Music Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2005

Providing a musical emphasis for senior adults continues to be a focus for the Alexander Baptist Association. The *Alexander Singing Seniors*, a chorus formed April 13, 1999, originally consisted of twenty-five members. The group meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the Alexander Senior Center and has a current membership of fifty-two. The *Singing Seniors* are representative of sixteen different churches. Robert and Shelia Austin direct the chorus; Brenda Robertson serves as accompanist and Jody West as assistant accompanist.

The *Singing Singers* have participated in various events since the last annual report. Concerts featuring the musical, ***Faith of Our Fathers*** by Marty Parks have been performed or scheduled in five churches: East Front Street Baptist in Newton, East Taylorsville, First Baptist, Linney's Grove, and Sulphur Springs. Accompanists for this musical included Brenda Robertson, piano; Amy Pruett, trumpet; and Ron Younts, bass. Dale Robertson narrated the program. Additional church concerts occurred at Sulphur Springs (February) and Three Forks (March). The Singing Seniors have been invited to sing at the Caldwell Baptist Association April Meeting at Baton Baptist Church.

For the 2005 Christmas Season, the *Singing Seniors* will present the musical, ***A Time for Joy***, created by Bill and Gloria Gaither. Christmas Concerts are scheduled for the following dates: Dec. 3, 2005 at Davis Hall, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, sponsored by Hospice; Dec. 4, 2005 at East Taylorsville Baptist 2:30 PM; and Dec. 11, 2005, at Antioch Baptist at 2:30 PM. Guest accompanists will include Ron Younts, bass; Amy Pruett, trumpet; Jody West, keyboard; and a percussionist.

Since the organization of this group, the *Singing Seniors* have shared the story of God's love with eighteen different churches. The group has performed sixty-five church concerts in addition to participating in a number of various civic functions. Two Thousand and five will be our sixth Christmas Concert Season. This ministry of the Alexander Baptist Association has been a joy for those who work with the group, an inspiration for those who have heard them, and a challenge to all of us to "**Sing a new song unto the Lord.**"

Submitted by:
Shelia Austin
Associational Music Director

Music Council: Shelia Austin
Shirley Lackey
Junior Mitchell

*O sing unto the Lord a new song;
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Psalm 96:1*

**Recommendations From The Nominating Committee
Of
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2005-2006**

Officers

Moderator.	Mr. Tom McNeely
Vice Moderator.	Rev. Jack Carver
Clerk.	Miss Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.	Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.	_____
Director of Missions.	Rev. Kenneth Lambert
Church/Community Ministries Dir.	Rev. Gary Jennings

Administrative Standing Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Budget/Finance</u>	(Missions Funding Development)	
Mr. Rickey Brown	Little River	2006
Mrs. Rita Pennell	Pleasant Hill	2006
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch	2007
Mr. Jerry Durmire	Sulphur Springs	2008

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Wade Fortner, Chairman	Mt. Olive	2006
Mr. Gene Linney	East Taylorsville	2007

Credentials

Mr. Frank Durmire	Sulphur Springs	2006
Rev. David Chapman	Mountain Ridge	2007
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point	2008

History & Dedication of Minutes

Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chair	Mt. Herman
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Nominating Committee

Elected annually from the floor at Winter Session, as required by Constitution, to serve from 9/1/04 through 8/31/05. (Names listed at end of report.)

Ordination Examining

Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	2006
Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	2008
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville	2008

Personnel (Executive Council)

Quarterly Sessions Planning & Place (Executive Council)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Resolutions</u>		
Mrs. Rose Harrington	Mt. Herman	2006
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville	2007
Mr. Richard Bumgarner	Lebanon	2008

Trustees (Executive Council)

Van Transportation

Mr. Phil Chapman	Lebanon	2006
Mr. Wade Fortner, Chairman	Mt. Olive	2007

Missions Performance Teams and Consultants

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Baptist Men & Boys Ministries</u>			
		Director/Consultant	2005
		Asst. Dir./Cons.	2005
		Challengers (RA)	2005
Glen Dancy IV	Sulphur Springs	RA Consultant	2005
<u>Christian Life Commission</u>			
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive		2006
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point		2006
<u>Deacon Ministry</u>			
Mr. Kenny Jones	East Taylorsville	Consultant	2006
<u>Discipleship Training Team</u>			
Mrs. Barbara Starnes	Stony Point	Dir./Cons./Support.	2006
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Youth Speaker	2006
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs	Bible Drill-Youth	2006
Mr. Dallas Dolle	Mt. Herman	Bible Drill-Children	2006
<u>Evangelism Consultant</u>			
Rev. Jamie Steele, Chair	East Taylorsville	Leader	2006
Rev. Brent Dula	Beulah		2006
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point		2006

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Hmong Mission Ministry</u>			
Mr. Toua Khang	Spiritual Leader	Statesville, NC	2006
Mr. Lee Siniard	Hiddenite	Chair	2006
Mrs. Sharon Burgess	East Taylorsville		2006
Mr. Tim Deaton	Bethlehem		2006
Mrs. Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite	Ministry Coordinator	2006
Miss Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem		2006
Mr. Tom McNeely	Stony Point	Moderator, Ex. Officio	
Rev. Kenneth Lambert		<i>DOM, Ex. Officio</i>	
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Host Church Pastor	
<u>Media Library/Computer Consultant</u>			
Mrs. Kay White	Three Forks	Director	2006
<u>Music Team</u>			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Director	2006
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Associate Dir.	2006
<u>NC Baptist Institutional Representative</u>			
Ms. Gail Armstrong	Mt. Herman	Baptist Children's Home	2006
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Baptist Hospital	2006
Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove	Baptist Retirement Homes	2006
<u>On Mission Team Representatives</u>			
Rev. Gary Jennings	East Taylorsville	Chair, CCM Dir.	2006
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2006
Mrs. Vivian Cline	Antioch	N. America	2006
Mrs. Linda (George) McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2006
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2006
<u>Pastoral Ministries Consultant</u>			
<u>Seminary Extension</u>			
Dr. Jack Carver	Bethlehem	Director	2006
<u>Senior Adult Ministry</u>			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell, Chair	East Taylorsville	Director	2006
<u>Singing Seniors Ministry</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director/Leader	2006
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Leader	2006
<u>Stewardship Consultant</u>			
Mr. Chuck Stuckey	Stony Point	Director	2006

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Sunday School – Bible Reaching/Teaching Team (Consultants)</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Dir & Adult Leader	2006
Mrs. Teresa Skinner	East Taylorsville	Youth Leader	2006
Mrs. Dana Allen	Sulphur Springs	Children's Leader	2006
Mrs. Diane Jolly	East Taylorsville	Pre-School Leader	2006
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Outreach/Evangelism Leader	2006
Rev. Eddie Jolly	Millersville		2006
<u>WMU Team (Consultants)</u>			
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU Director	2006
Robin Loudermelt	Sulphur Springs	Women on Mission (WOM)	2006
Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	2006
Mrs. Annette Schronce	Mt. Herman	Mission Friends	2006
<u>Youth Ministry Team</u>			
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	East Taylorsville	Team Leader	2006
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point		2006
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs		2006
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite		2006

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Rev. Paul Schronce, Mt. Herman, Chair
 Rev. Scott Huffman, Hiddenite
 Rev. Phillip Addison, Stony Point
 Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs
 Mr. Rodney Boutwell, East Taylorsville
 Mrs. Shelia Austin, Antioch
 Rev. David Giffin, Pilgrim

BAPTIST MEN REPORT

On February 27 2005 the Baptist Men held a Fish Fry at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Rev Dale Fisher, DOM, Caldwell Association did an excellent job in sharing with the group some things that need to be considered in starting a Disaster Relief Ministry. This was the first event held to inform, organize and raise funds for an Associational Disaster Relief Van which will go directly to disaster sites. The event included singing, a meal at 5:00 PM, and an information session. The Fish Fry event brought 150 people in for this event!

The Baptist Men began selling tickets soon after this meeting to begin raising funds for the Disaster Relief Van. This BBQ Chicken Fundraiser was held on April 23 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church, Davis Hall. Many Baptist Men and WMU ladies were there to help. It was a very successful event bringing in over \$5,400 before expenses.

On June 10-11, East Taylorsville Baptist Church held a Region 7 Baptist Men Mission Disaster Relief Intensive Training sponsored by Alexander Association. A group of approximately 130 men and boys was a "great turnout", according to Rev Mark Marshall of East Taylorsville Church. They spent the night secluded at the church to get a feel of what it would be like in an actual disaster relief situation. The training taught those involved how to prepare for missions including: mass feeding, recovery, temporary emergency child care training, and water purification. Everyone was pleased with the turnout. Other training events will be planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Austin

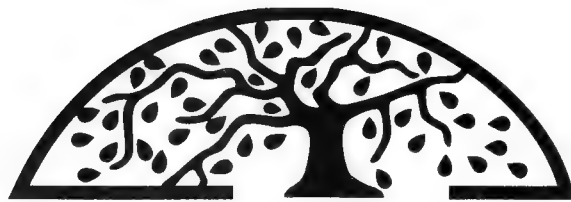
2006
Alexander Baptist Association
Quarterly Sessions

Winter Session
January 5, 2006
7:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 6, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Hiddenite Baptist Church

Summer Session
July 13, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Linney's Grove Baptist Church

119th Annual Session
October 5, 2006
4:00 P.M.
Bethlehem Baptist Church



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ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES PARTICIPATING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM

12 ACTIVE CHURCHES

21 TOTAL

57% PARTICIPATION

NINE OUT OF 21 CHURCHES NOT PARTICIPATING

RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION THROUGH THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Church Annuity Plan is a tax-sheltered annuity (TSA) or Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) plan. It has been uniquely developed for persons in paid ministerial or non-ministerial employment with a church or association that is recognized by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Plan contributions can come from the following three sources: the employee and/or the church and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

CHURCH ANNUITY PLAN ELIGIBILITY

To Participate in the Plan...you must be receiving taxable income from a church or association that is recognized by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

To Receive Protection Benefits and Matching Contributions...your church will be expected to contribute \$420 per participant per year to the Cooperative Program through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. You may contribute to any of the giving plans, but you may not exclude the Baptist State Convention and be eligible to receive the state convention benefits.

Ministers (full-time, part-time and bivocational) who serve a church that meets state convention requirements are eligible to receive these convention-provided benefits:

- Disability Income Benefit
- Survivor Protection Benefit
- Matching Retirement Contributions

Non-ministers (secretaries, custodians, school employees, daycare employees, etc.) who serve a church that meets state convention requirements must work an average of 20 hours or more per week to be eligible to receive these convention-provided benefits:

- Disability Income Benefit
- Survivor Protection Benefit
- Matching Retirement Contributions

Added Benefits Provided by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

The Annuity Board works with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to provide eligible Church Annuity Plan participants two protection benefits. The benefits protect you and your family now, while you invest to protect your future. You can receive both benefits at no additional cost if you make a monthly contribution to your account and meet the eligibility requirements of the North Carolina convention (see preceding paragraph – “To Receive Protection Benefits and Matching Contributions...”).



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2004-July 2005)

Celebrating our past. . .charting our future! . . . Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120-historic-years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives throughout three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: *GuidingStar. . . Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families*.

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of *helping hurting children. . . healing broken families* – offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path. . . After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched *GuidingStar... Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families*. The new strategic plan was approved by the Trustees in their September 2004 meeting and was officially introduced in February of this year. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, *GuidingStar* was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could be utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120 Years. . . "Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup" Food For BCH. . . The "Food Roundup" was held in April 2005 for the second time in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as Directors of Missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to help sort and count the food.

Many Voices, One Story. . . This year's Thanksgiving Offering theme, "There For Me" represents the pivotal role individuals play in the lives of hurting children. Baptist Children's Homes represents the outstretched hands of God, supported by North Carolina Baptists through their prayer and financial support. BCH staff lends their lives and their hearts daily to care for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of boys and girls. Just as Jesus proclaims in the scriptures, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," dedicated friends have made the same promise to the children who walk through BCH's doors. It is only through North Carolina Baptists' support and commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal is \$1,350,000. This represents a \$50,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2005 Thanksgiving Offering.

Breaking New Ground. . . Baptist Children's Homes continues to make a difference around the state. On September 26, 2004, BCH broke ground for two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry group homes in Zionville. "Joy Cove Ministries," the homes for adults with developmental disabilities, are currently under construction on the original Camp Joy property near Boone. . . Three BCH direct care staff became the first child care workers in the state to be professionally certified through the Children and Family Services Association - North Carolina. Two other staff members received certification to train additional child care workers for professional certification. . . Groundbreaking for the Alverta Bolick DDM group home in Asheville took place on November 30, 2004. The home is under construction. . . A "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on February 9, 2005 celebrated the building of the Harmony Home DDM residence in Dunn. The home was built in cooperation with Housing and Urban Development and Harnett County's Association for Retarded Citizens. . . The building of Kennedy Home's new education center was commemorated with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 3, 2005. In partnership with Lenoir County Schools, the facility will house the specialized education program serving Kennedy Home residents and other students from the community.

Historical Events



The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Antioch – Completed and dedicated our new Education building / Fellowship Hall / Office complex on Sunday, November 21, 2004.

Hiddenite – On Sunday morning, July 19, 2005 prior to our regular morning worship service, we celebrated our 90th Anniversary. Pastor Scott Huffman led in the service, which included special music along with a reading of the history of the church. Featured speakers were Mr. Gerald Goble, Mr. Gerald Gwaltney, Mrs. Coleen Hendren, Mrs. Minnie Grant and Mr. Robert Gooden.

Mr. Matthew Marlowe was ordained into the Gospel ministry on March 20, 2005. Pastor Scott Huffman and Director of Missions, Rev. Kenneth Lambert conducted this service.

The church also purchased additional property between the church and the Lucas Mansion.

Little River – We ordained Mr. Robert Keith Meadows and Mr. Scott Shook as Deacons on August 21, 2005.

The third phase of our building project, which included a new Educational complex, neared completion in 2005. We were able to begin using the new Sunday School classrooms earlier than anticipated.

Millersville – Began a Spanish ministry in 2004-2005.

Mt. Olive – Installed a new public address system in the church.

Smyrna – Mr. Bob Stewart was ordained into the ministry on August 8, 2004. Mr. Wayne Morrow and Mr. Johnathan Waters were ordained as Deacons on September 1, 2004.

Taylorsville, First – 153rd Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Digest of Letters

IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office.

Churches	County	1	3	4	15	16	18	Add 19 & 20	21	23	24	Add 26-28	Add 29-35	29	30
Antioch															
550 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	636	5	11	282	182	203	44	86	154	40	586,098	65,302	27,668	2,000
Beulah															
7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	864	5	17	641	338	290	26	111	59	18	675,341	64,212	45,589	4,200
Beulah															
605 Linney's Mtn Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Calvary															
131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	298	8	2	204	143	150	0	200	0	0	315,820	114,397	0	0
East Taylorsville															
644 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	1,575	27	24	637	430	520	374	179	91	80	893,037	118,805	19,000	9,500
Hiddenite															
250 Hiddenite Church St, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	359	12	21	208	114	87	0	52	82	0	326,169	15,173	4,380	6,120
Lebanon															
187 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	203	2	1	85	71	78	0	68	0	0	168,232	73,111	15,567	3,113
Linney's Grove															
6180 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	213	2	5	108	83	115	0	25	0	0	131,063	10,135	1,250	1,750
Little River															
2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	373	0	3	162	114	115	112	111	0	0	326,013	62,816	22,139	7,814
Macedonia															
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	168	1	0	62	50	125	0	41	30	6	104,133	7,906	2,100	3,177
Millersville															
130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	807	11	14	377	225	366	0	165	95	80	559,121	102,370	24,724	2,600
Mountain Ridge															
47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Mt. Herman															
3280 US Hwy 64/80 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	277	4	5	140	115	110	0	60	40	20	280,507	53,104	28,096	7,590
Mt. Olive															
210 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	148	2	5	50	38	62	0	33	5	7	78,428	2,514	68	1,146
Pilgrim															
985 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	184	0	1	82	57	117	0	48	8	0	58,716	5,171	0	2,751
Pleasant Hill															
31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	315	4	2	136	102	139	0	102	0	0	215,328	34,126	16,136	3,100
Smyrna															
6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander	244	7	7	110	71	95	0	65	23	9				
Stony Point															
231 Ruritan Park Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander	648	20	26	264	160	305	220	86	47	48	449,367	65,882	35,384	8,042
Sulphur Springs															
116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander	370	10	8	228	175	235	0	85	60	50	267,325	45,548	25,000	2,900
Taylorsville First															
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Three Forks															
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TOTALS		9,060	139	173	4,437	2,839	3,436	928	1,709	859	357	6,507,110	1,046,444	317,398	76,740
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		9,325	163	177	4,312	2,981	2,896	819	1,716	833	389	6,377,910	1,000,944	361,021	71,393

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
119TH ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 5, 2006**

**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR
SPIRITUAL WILFARE**

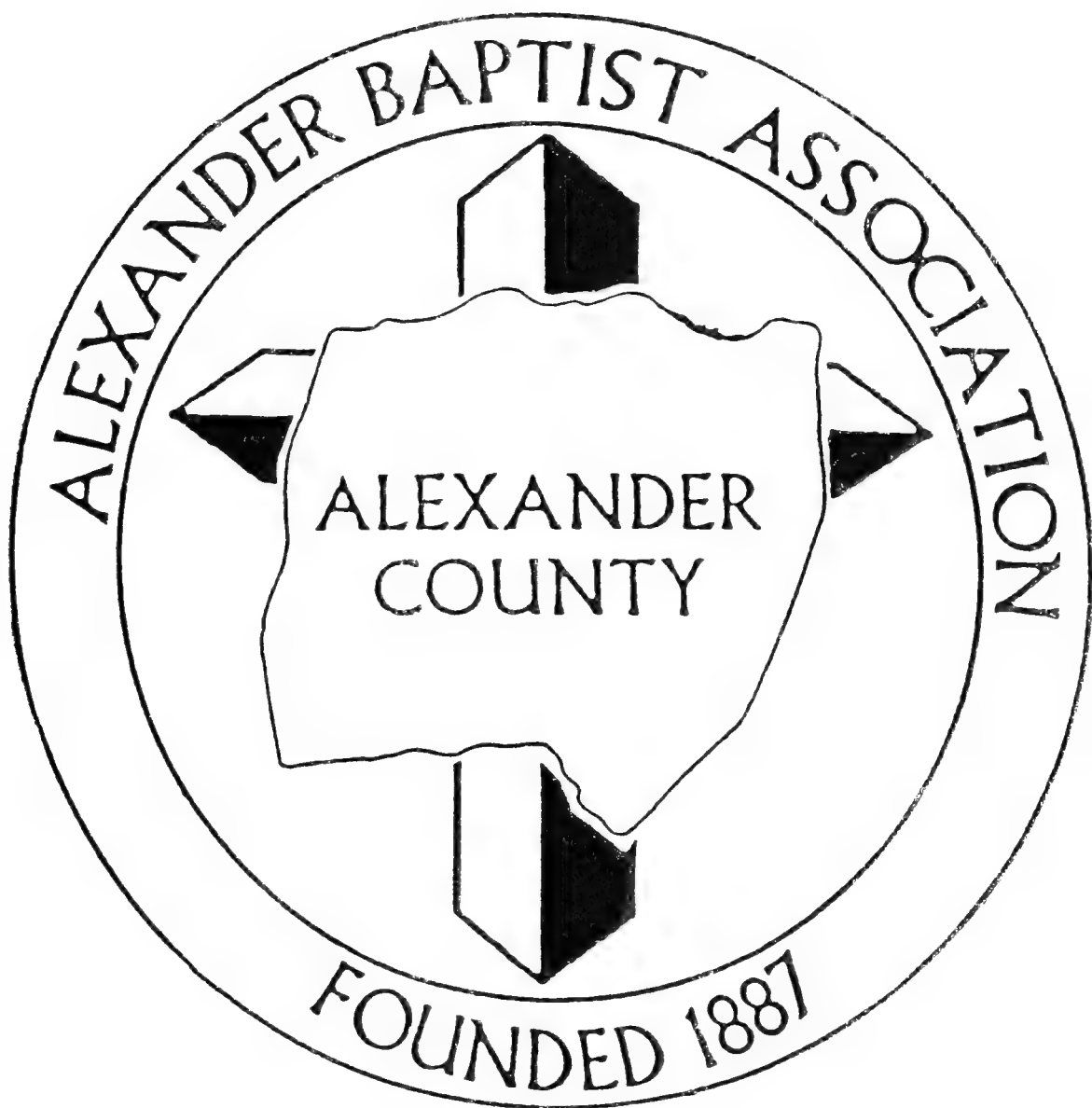
*The Weapons Of
Christian Warfare*

and the sword of the Spirit
which is the word of God:
Praying always with all prayer
and supplication in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto with all
perseverance and supplication
for all saints.

Ephesians 6:17b-18



BOOK OF REPORTS



A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER

(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...Acts 1:8)

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BEULAH
CALVARY
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HIDDENITE
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LINNEY'S GROVE
LITTLE RIVER
MACEDONIA
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PILGRIM
PLEASANT HILL
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STONY POINT
SULPHUR SPRINGS
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
THREE FORKS

MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

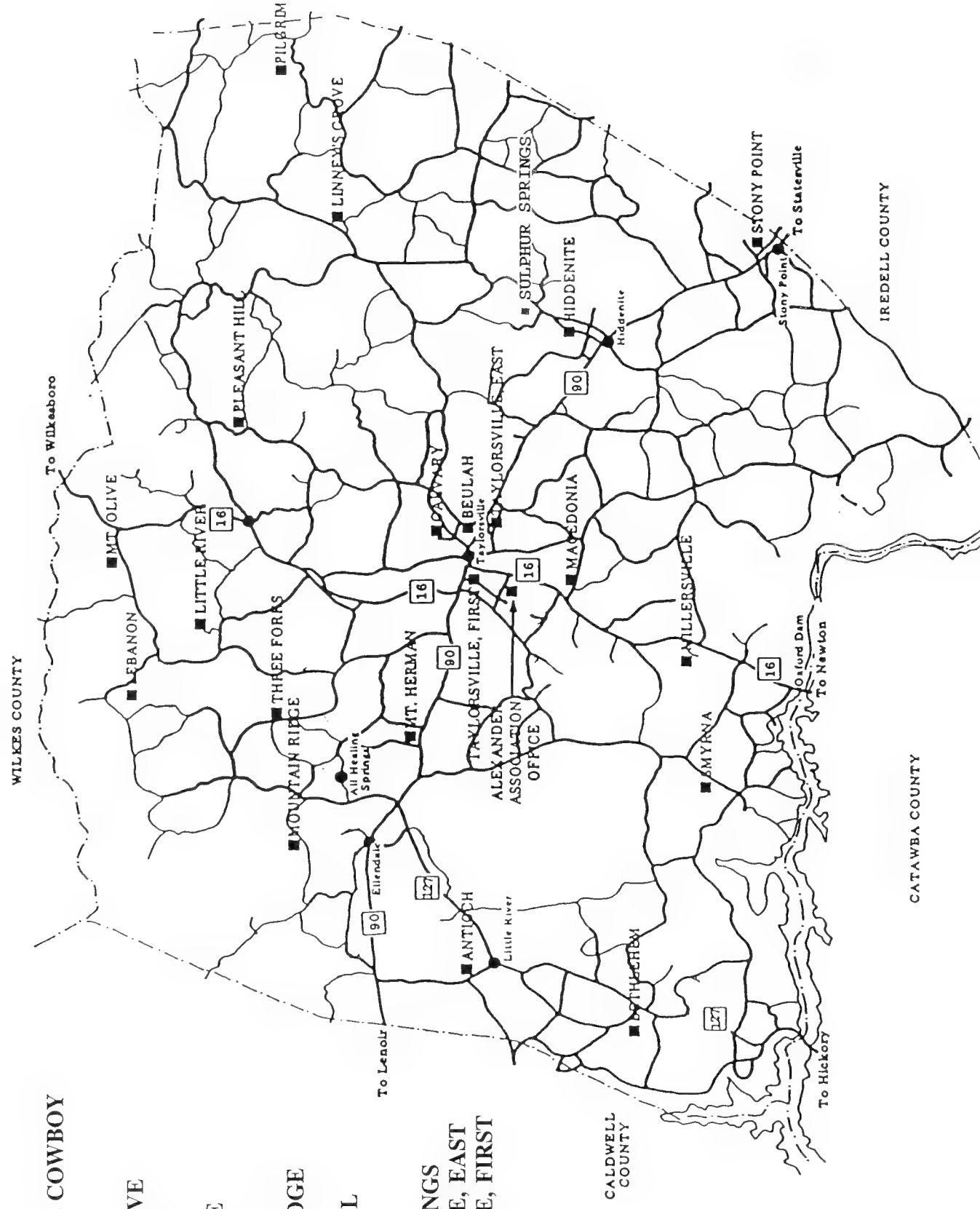


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Mr. Jerry Lail
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Mr. Ralph Junior Little
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Smyrna

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Mrs. Winnie Fox
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Mattie Stewart
Faye Teague
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Sunday School Director's Report

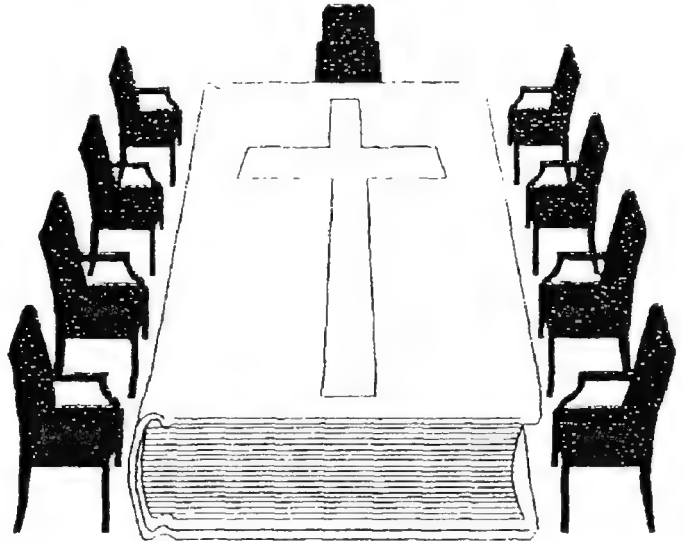
Christ gave us the Great Commission and one of the best ways we can carry out the Great Commission is through Sunday School. Through Sunday School we can disciple Christians of all ages so they may in turn be able to go out and win the lost and disciple other believers. It is so important not only to disciple our children and young believers by using the Word of God but also to shore up adults with the same Word of God. I'm thankful that Sunday School can help us in our quest to be better Christians as well as to help us expand our Father's Kingdom and fulfill the Great Commission.

In the coming year I along with the Sunday School team will be evaluating our associations Sunday School needs and to establish a plan for strengthening the Sunday Schools in our associational churches. One of our goals this coming year will be to plan a Sunday School training session for all Sunday School teachers to be held in August of 2007.

In closing let me remind you that the Sunday School team stands by ready to help you in anyway we can. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas regarding Sunday School, please feel free to get in contact with me and I along with the rest of the Associational Sunday School team will do all we can to help you and your church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

**Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be
yet wiser;
teach a just man, and he will increase in
learning.**

W M U R E P O R T

This past year really flew by. We were not as busy as we would have liked to be, but some years are just like that. In November of 2005, we collected socks that were put in Red Boxes and distributed to the Women's Prison at Christmas. In December of 2005 we helped with the Association's Christmas Toy Store by collecting and distributing toys to needy children in our county.

This past spring we joined with other counties in buying new children's books. These were collected and taken to Ridgecrest. The Baptist Men then took the books and delivered them to a school in Mississippi. This was done as a way to help the school rebuild their library which was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina.

In this new year, we once again plan to help with the Red Boxes and the Toy Store. We hope to do a Food Drive for the Crisis Center, probably in February. We plan to participate in the School Tools campaign in August. We are going to try in some way to work with Forgiven Ministries to provide items that they may find useful.

I am excited about this year and hope to accomplish a number of things. I ask that each of us pray as to what part we can plan in working to make each of these activities successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B McLain

Assoc. WMU Director

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST MEN REPORT

We have been very busy working on the Associational Disaster Relief Trailer – it takes a lot of hard work and the men and women have given their best. The electrical lights and receptacles are finished; air lines run and compressor hooked up. We need to have a really good fundraiser so this project can be finished.

The trailer will take its first trip on October 2 - 7 to Gulfport, MS. Three more trips are planned for October, and so far six trips are planned for Year 2007.

(See packet for more information)

The trailer will be shown at Bethlehem Baptist Church at our Annual Session – October 5 2006, and will also be shown at Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival (fundraiser) on Saturday, October 21 from 9am to 4pm. We hope you will take the time to see the trailer and to enjoy a barbeque dinner prepared by Baptist Men and Women – THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Fox – for Baptist Men

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(Executive Council-this page only)

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DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

On one occasion, a reporter asked the great violinist Isaac Stern, "What truly distinguishes a great musician?" Stern's reply was perceptive: "A great musician is one who is always seeking to improve, never content with his performances, always moving on to discover more about the instrument and the music he loves."

The clear challenging, clarion call for the Alexander Baptist Association is to accept God's standard for us and always move forward for the honor and glory of Jesus. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR LOVE AND DEVOTION.

May the Lord bless you for responding to God's call.

You are loved and appreciated.

Kenneth Lambert – Director of Missions

**Recommendations From The Nominating Committee
Of The
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2006-2007**

Officers

Moderator.....	Dr. Jack Carver
Vice Moderator.....	Rev. Jamie Steele
Clerk.....	Miss Suzanne Goble
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Mrs. Bobbi Glass
Parliamentarian.....	Rev. Greg Barefoot
Director of Missions.....	Rev. Ken Lambert
Church/Community Ministries Director.....	(Form a committee)
Committee on Committees – <i>(new committee)</i>	
Rev. Greg Barefoot, Rev. Mark Morris, Mr. Gene Frye, & Mrs. Bobbi Glass	

Administrative Standing Committees

Committee	Church	Term Expires
Budget/Finance	(Missions Funding Development)	
Mr. Tim Keever	Hiddenite	2009
Mrs. Rita Pennell	Pleasant Hill	2009
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch	2007
Mr. Jerry Durmire	Sulphur Springs	2008

Building & Grounds

Mr. Wade Fortner, Chair	Mt. Olive	2008
Mr. Gene Linney	East Taylorsville	2007

Credentials

Mr. Frank Durmire	Sulphur Springs	2009
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point	2008
Rev Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	2007

History and Dedication of Minutes

Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Chair	Mt. Herman
Ms. Aileen Leonard	Sulphur Springs

Nominating Committee Elected annually from the floor at Winter Session, as required
By constitution, to serve from 9/1/06 through 8/31/07.
(Names Listed at end of report)

Ordination Examining

Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	2009
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	2008
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville	2008

Personnel (Executive Council)**Quarterly Sessions Planning & Place (Executive Council)**

Committee	Church	Term Expires
Resolutions		
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point	2009
Mr. Richard Bumgarner	Lebanon	2008
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville	2007

Trustees (Executive Council)**Van Transportation**

Mr. Phil Chapman	Lebanon	2008
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	2007

Mission Performance Teams and Consultants

Committee	Church	Area	Term Expires
Baptist Men			
Mr. Steve Lackey	Stony Point	Director/consultant	2007
Mr. Bobby Dayvault	Sulphur Springs	Asst. Director/consul.	2007
Mr. Glen Dancy IV	Sulphur Springs	RA/Challengers Consul	2007

Christian Life Commission

Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	2007
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point	2007

Deacon Ministry

Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs	Consultant	2008
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Discipleship Training Team

Mrs. Barbara Starnes	Stony Point	Dir./Cons./Support	2007
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Youth Speaker	2007
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs	Bible Drill Youth	2007
Mr. Dallas Dolle	Mt. Herman	Bible Drill Children	2007

Evangelism Consultant

Rev. Don Martin	Linney's Grove	2007
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	2007
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point	2007

Mission Endowment Committee (New Committee)

Mr. John Alspaugh	Bethlehem
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs

Committee	Church	Area	Term Expire
Hmong Mission Ministry			
Mr. Toua Khang	Hiddenite	Mission Pastor	2007
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Pastor of host Church	2007
Mr. Lee Siniard	Hiddenite	Chair	2007
Mrs. Sharon Burgess	East Taylorsville		2007
Mr. Tim Deaton	Bethlehem		2007
Mrs. Janice Sharpe	Hiddenite		2007
Miss Rachel Wagner	Bethlehem		2007
Dr. Jack Carver	Bethlehem	Moderator/ Ex. Officio	2007
Rev. Ken Lambert		DOM/ Ex. Officio.	2007
Media Library/Computer Consultant			
Mrs. Kay White	Three Forks	Director	2007
Music Team			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Director	2007
Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Associate Dir.	2007
NC Baptist Institutional Representative			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Baptist Hospital	2007
Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove	Baptist Retirement Home	2007
		Baptist Children's Home	2007
On Mission Team Representatives			
		Chairman	2007
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2007
Mrs. Vivia Cline	Antioch	N. America	2007
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2007
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At-Large	2007
Pastoral Ministry Consultant			
Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove		2007
Seminary Extension			
Dr. Jack Carver	Bethlehem	Director	2007
Senior Adult Ministry			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Director	2007
Mrs Sue Daniels	Little River	Asst.	2007
Singing Seniors Ministry			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director/Leader	2007
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Leader	2007
Stewardship Consultant			
Mr. Chuck Stuckey	Stony Point	Director	2007

Committee	Church	Area	Term Expire
Sunday School – Bible Reaching / Teaching Team (Consultants)			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Dir. & Adult Leader	2007
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point	Youth Leader	2007
		Children's Leader	2007
		Pre-School Leader	2007
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Outreach/ Evangelism	2007

WMU Team (Consultants)

Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU Director	2007
Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	2007
Mrs. Annette Schronce	Mt. Herman	Mission Friends	2007

Youth Ministry Team

Rev. Marvin Yarborough	East Taylorsville		2007
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point		2007
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs		2007
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite		2007
Rev. Brian McDevitt	Bethlehem		2007

Respectfully submitted by the 2005-2006 Nominating Committee;

Rev. Scott Huffman, Hiddenite – Chairman
 Rev. Phillip Addison, Stony Point
 Rev. Steve Parks, Sulphur Springs
 Rev. Darren Lambert, Pleasant Hill
 Rev. David Giffin, Linney's Grove
 Rev. Mark Marshall, East Taylorsville
 Rev. Josh Bengel, Three Forks

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

The International (formerly Foreign) Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, held its first commissioning service in 1846. Since then more than 15,000 missionaries have been appointed. One-third of them are still serving today. The Board is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. The main goal of the Board is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to lead individuals to saving faith in Him. This would result in church-planting movements among all the peoples of the world.

It is our duty to proclaim His name among all peoples. However, there are 4,992 peoples groups who live in a part of the world with little or no access to the gospel. That is equivalent to 1.6 billion people who have almost no chance of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. God is using Southern Baptists to carry the light of Jesus to these peoples groups. Our gifts to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering International Missions help to dispel the darkness – so that all peoples may know Him.

We should begin praying now about what amount God would have us give to International Missions. Let's do our part to help make light shine in the darkness.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McLain, Assoc. WMU Director

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Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. On Sunday, July 16, 2006, the clerks in the Association met to discuss and to distribute the 2006 Congregation Profile. This year we had 6 of the twenty-two clerks in attendance. We also reviewed a new Internet presentation for the AskNed website. This is a new program to collect and maintain information for the congregations of the NC Baptist State Convention. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We will continue to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms this year. This will be the eighth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had a seven out of twenty-one churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2006.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time. Clerks in bold completed the profile online this year:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch
Mrs. Teresa Payne	-	Calvary
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville
Rev. Don Martin	-	Happy Trails Cowboy Church
Mr. Aaron Spry	-	Hiddenite
Mrs. Tammy Fortner	-	Lebanon
Mrs. Donna Millsaps	-	Linney's Grove
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson	-	Macedonia
Mrs. Joyce Payne	-	Millersville
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna
Mrs. Kay Durmire	-	Sulphur Springs
Mrs. Nancy Carrigan	-	Taylorsville, First
Mrs. Debbie Messer	-	Three Forks

THANKS again to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of your church and sharing with the Association how that the Lord has blessed your church. May God continue to richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and your Church.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2006 – SEPTEMBER 2007

<u>OCTOBER 2006</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS</u>
	<u>CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH</u>
1	On Mission Together: To Share the Gospel Sunday – SBC
2	Region 7 Men's Ministry Rally
2-4	Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
2-7	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip - Gulfport MS
5	<u>119TH ABA ANNUAL SESSION</u>
	<u>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH 4 – 9 PM</u>
8	World Hunger Day
10	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
13-14	New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
13-14	Royal Ambassador/Challenger Leadership Training, Camp Caraway
14-20	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – Atlantic NC
15	Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway
15-20	ABA Baptist Men & Women, Mission Trip – Gulfport MS
16-18	Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
17	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
21	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival, 9am-4pm ABA Disaster Relief Trailer on display
22	Alex. Singing Seniors Concert, Three Forks Ch., 6:30 PM
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
24	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

- 27-28 Women of Faith Conference, Charlotte
- 31 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

NOVEMBER 2006 CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION MONTH

- 2 Region 7 NC Baptist Men Ministry Rally
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back One Hour
- 5 On Mission Together: Equipping the Next
Generation Sunday - SBC
- 5-12 RA Week in the Churches
- 6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 6-8 NC Baptist Secretaries' Assoc. Conference, Caraway
- 7 Election Day
- 7 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 12-15 ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – Atlantic NC
- 12-19 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for
Baptist Children's Homes
- 13 BSC Executive Committee Meeting, Greensboro
- 13-14 Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Greensboro
- 14 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 14 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 19 ABA Joint Choir for Thanksgiving Service-Rodney Boutwell
- 21 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 23 THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed 23, 24
- 28 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 28 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

DECEMBER 2006 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

CHRISTMAS STORE MONTH

- 3 Alex. Singing Seniors Concert - Smyrna Church, 7:00 PM
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 4-7 ABA Christmas Store Collection and
 Distribution for Needy Families
- 5 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 7 ABA Executive Council 7PM
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12 No Pastors' Conference
- 12 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 12 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 14 Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
- 19 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 22 Winter Begins
- 22,25,26 Office Closed for CHRISTMAS
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – Celebration of our Lord's Birthday
- 25-29 Baptist State Convention Office Closed

JANUARY 2007

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – Office Closed
- 1 Baptist State Convention Office Closed
- 2 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM

4	<u>ABA WINTER QUARTERLY SESSION</u> <u>LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH- 7PM</u>
7-10	January Bible Study - SBC
9	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
9	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
9	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
11	Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Noon
14-20	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – Grifton NC
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
18-19	State Baptist Men's Board Meeting
19-20	NCWMU Exec. Board, Convention Bldg., Cary
21	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
23	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
24	BSC Executive Committee, Caraway
24-25	BSC Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway
25-26	Associational Staff/Convention Staff Meeting, Caraway
28	Baptist Men's Day in Churches
30	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
30	BSC Executive Committee, Caraway
30-31	BSC Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway

FEBRUARY 2007

4-11	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
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6	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
11	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
12-13	State Evangelism Conference – Raleigh Providence Baptist Church
12-18	Focus on WMU
13	Pastors' Conference 10AM
13	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
13	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
14	St. Valentine's Day
17-24	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – Gulfport MS
18	Volunteers in Missions Day
19	Presidents' Day
20	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
27	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
27	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

MARCH 2007

1	ABA Executive Council 7PM
TBD	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – Jamaica (\$700 Round Trip)
4-11	On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
6	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
7	Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America
8	Church Secretaries' Fellowship, Noon
11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
12-18	Youth Week

- 13 Pastors' Conference 10AM
- 13 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 13 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
- 20 Nominating Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM
Alexander Family Restaurant
- 20 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 21 First Day of Spring
- 25 Associational Bible Drill, Hiddenite Baptist, 3:00 PM
- 25 On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations Sunday
- 27 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 27 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 30-31 Baptist Missions/Baptist Men's Conference
Hickory Grove, Charlotte

APRIL 2007

- 1 PALM SUNDAY
- 1 Region 7 Baptist Men's Rally
- 1 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 3 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 5 ABA SPRING QUARTERLY SESSION
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM (tentative)
- 6 GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed
- 8 EASTER SUNDAY – CHRIST IS RISEN!

10	Pastors' Conference 10AM
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
10	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
14	State RA Track Meet
15	Earth Stewards Sunday, SBC
15	Cooperative Program Sunday
16-20	Baptist Doctrine Study
17	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
19	ABA Baptist Men/Women Mission Trip – “Operation “InAsMuch” – Alexander County Minor Repairs
Spring	ABA Baptist Men/Women – 52 Projects in Alexander County
20	State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournament 9:00 AM - Place: TBD
20-22	Single Adult Retreat
20-22	State Media Library Workshop
21	State Children Bible Drills, 9:00 AM – Place: TBD
22	Life Commitment Sunday
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
24	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
25	Administrative Professionals/Secretaries' Day
27	State Youth Bible Drills and Youth Speakers Tournaments
28	State Children Bible Drills

MAY 2007

1	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
1	Region 7 Baptist Men's Rally

3	National Day of Prayer
5	State RA Track Meet
6	Senior Adult Sunday
6-13	Christian Home Week-SBC
6-13	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospital - Mother's Day Offering
8	Pastors' Conference 10AM
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
8	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
13	Mother's Day
15	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
18-19	Region 7 Disaster Relief Training – Surry County
19	State Finalists Drills and Tournaments
20-27	Associational Week of Prayer and Offering
21-27	On Mission in Baptist Associations-SBC
22	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
27	Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism-SBC
28	Memorial Day – Office Closed
29	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

JUNE 2007

VBS MONTH

2-4	Hispanic WMU Annual Meeting, Caraway
4-10	Crossover, San Antonio TX – SBC
5	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

7	ABA Executive Council 7PM
12	No Pastors' Conference 10AM
12	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
12-13	SBC - San Antonio TX
14	Flag Day
14	Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
17	Father's Day
19	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
21	Summer begins
24	Adopt an Annuitant Sunday
26	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
26	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

JULY 2007

VBS MONTH

1	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday-SBC
3	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
4	Independence Day – Office Closed
10	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
10	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

12	<u>ABA SUMMER QUARTERLY SESSION</u> <u>STONY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM</u>
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15	ABA Clerk's Meeting 3PM
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17	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
24	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

AUGUST 2007

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

5	Social Issues Sunday: Child Abuse – SBC
7	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
12	On Mission: Praying for Students
14	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
14	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
14	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
19-25	Church Music Emphasis Week
21	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
28	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
28	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

SEPTEMBER 2007

NEW CHURCH YEAR

3	LABOR DAY – Office Closed
4	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
6	ABA Executive Council 7PM
9	Grandparent's Day
9	Single Adult Sunday

9-16	Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
11	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
11	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
13	Church Secretaries' Fellowship Noon
14	Clerk's Profiles Deadline
16	Anti-Gambling Sunday
18	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
23	First Day of Autumn
24	Discipleship Rally
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
25	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

TBD = To be determined

120th ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 4 2007

4:00 PM

MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget
September 2006 through August 2007

<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Church & Comm. Missions Director:	Salary	\$ 1,713.28	* \$ 1,713.28
	Conf. Allow.	150.00	150.00
Secretary/Treasurer:	Salary	17,062.50	17,062.50
	Insurance	5,100.00	5,100.00
	Annuity	945.00	945.00
	Christmas Bonus	250.00	250.00
FICA Taxes-Secretary		1,305.28	1,305.28
Director of Missions:	Salary	8,270.24	8,270.24
	Utilities/Housing	7,040.00	7,040.00
	Annuity	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Med. Insurance	5,840.40	5,840.40
	AD&D,Dis,ELife	249.36	249.36
	Est. NC Tax	174.00	174.00
	Christmas Bonus	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Salaries and Benefits Subtotal:		\$51,000.06	\$51,000.06
<u>Operation Expenses</u>			
Utilities		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
1) Electricity/Water			
2) Telephone			
3) Internet Access			
4) DOM Cell Phone			
Equipment - Purchases		1,000.00	1,000.00
General Supplies		2,000.00	2,000.00
Postage & Box Rental		1,600.00	1,600.00
Office Repairs & Maintenance		1,500.00	1,500.00
Grounds/Facility Repairs		750.00	750.00
Travel – DOM		1,200.00	1,200.00
Travel – CCM		360.00	360.00
Secretary Conference		165.00	165.00
Insurance – Property		1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Cleaning		600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous		200.00	200.00
Media Center		<u>700.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
Operation Expenses Subtotal:		\$15,575.00	\$15,575.00

* Balance of CCM Salary comes from BSCNC

Alexander Baptist Association
Proposed Budget
September 2006 through August 2007
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<u>Ministry Expenses</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Association Speakers (Quarterly Sessions)	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Baptist Men	200.00	200.00
Christian Life	100.00	100.00
Deaconship	100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training	200.00	200.00
DOM-Conventions/Books/Conference	1,000.00	1,000.00
Evangelism	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hmong Ministry	3,600.00	3,600.00
Key Leadership	500.00	500.00
Ministers' Conference (speakers)	250.00	250.00
Ministry (Discretionary Fund for DOM)	400.00	400.00
Missions Development – Toy Store	3,000.00	3,000.00
Music-Alexander Singing Seniors	1,000.00	1,000.00
Senior Adults	700.00	700.00
Single Adult Ministry	150.00	150.00
Stewardship	100.00	100.00
Sunday School	500.00	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	500.00	500.00
Youth	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transportation – Van Ins/Tag/Gas/Maintenance	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
Ministry Expenses Subtotal:	\$21,350.00	\$21,350.00
TOTALS:	\$87,925.06	\$87,925.06
<u>Designated Funds from Baptist State Convention of NC:</u>		
* Operation InAsMuch (Local Missions)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
African-American Mission/Higher Ground Bapt. Church	2,400.00	-0-
Hmong Mission	1,200.00	-0-
Church & Community Missions Director	<u>504.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$ 6,504.00	\$ 3,900.00

2007
Alexander Baptist Association
Quarterly Sessions

Winter Session
January 4, 2007
7:00 P.M.
Lebanon Baptist Church

Spring Session
April 5, 2007
7:00 P.M.
TBD

Summer Session
July 12, 2007
7:00 P.M.
Stony Point Baptist Church

120th Annual Session
October 4, 2007
4:00 P.M.
Millersville Baptist Church

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1 2005 – AUGUST 31 2006**

Savings Account TSL	\$ 2,829.18
Money Market Account	43,083.21
Hmong Mission Savings Account	3,619.72
Hmong (in regular checking)	2,540.55
*Hmong CD's	-0-
Hispanic Mission Checking TSL	15,641.36
Alexander Evangelistic Fund CD	5,515.92
Christian Action League-Savings	499.97
*Ying Vang Family Fund-Savings – closed 6/8/06.	-0-
Disaster Relief Trailer Funds	1,757.31
Youth Funds	381.04
Youth Donations	2,642.82
Balance on Hand September 1 2005	30,113.92
Receipts Toward Budget Requirements	71,231.78
Receipts For Non-Budget Items	<u>96,968.82</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 198,314.52
 *Cashed in for airline tickets for Hmong trip to Laos	
Disbursements from Budgeted Funds	104,654.58
Disbursements for Non-Budget Items	<u>76,917.93</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	181,572.51
 BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 31 2006.	 \$ 16,742.01

RECEIPTS TOWARD BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Antioch.....	\$ 2,433.30	Mt Herman.....	\$ 8,752.00
Bethlehem.....	4,200.00	Mt Olive.....	936.60
Beulah.....	-0-	Mountain Ridge.....	-0-
Calvary.....	-0-	Pilgrim.....	1,685.00
East Taylorsville	9,500.00	Pleasant Hill.....	3,000.00
Happy Trails Cowboy	928.51	Smyrna.....	2,931.81
Hiddenite.....	1,890.00	Stony Point.....	6,688.83
Lebanon.....	3,147.22	Sulphur Springs.....	3,000.00
Linney's Grove	1,422.00	Taylorsville First.....	4,433.36
Little River.....	3,658.23	Three Forks.....	8,000.00
Macedonia.....	2,025.00	TOTAL	\$ 71,231.78
Millersville.....	2,599.92		

RECEIPTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

BSCNC Coop Agt Hmong Ministry.....	\$ 400.00
BSCNC CCM Director.....	504.00
BSCNC Operation Inasmuch.....	2,400.00
BSCNC Higher Ground Baptist Church.....	11,000.00
African-American Higher Ground Baptist Church – donations.....	510.44
Hmong Mission Offering-Hiddenite Church.....	2,250.00
Hmong Mission transfer CD's for trip to Laos.....	9,347.16
NC Sales/Use Tax Refund.....	1,029.02
Operation Christmas Spirit-Toy Store.....	5,956.20
Baptist Men Disaster Relief Van Fundraisers.....	14,484.47
BSCNC "Feed the Hungry" for Crisis Center.....	3,000.00
DOM Reimbursement BSC & SBC.....	44.55
General Donations.....	532.75
Happy Trails Cowboy Church – General Donations.....	174.65
Christian Crisis Center-One Yr Lease Payment.....	1.00
Christian Action League – Taylorsville Times ad for 9/17/06 Service	645.00
Eva Alspaugh- ABA Lay Missions Endowment.....	16,000.00
Holiday Inn Room Refund.....	60.48
BSC Evangelism Conference Refund.....	480.00
Hispanic Money Market to Hispanic Checking Acct.....	15,027.32
Alex. Central Auditorium 9/17/06 Worship Service Fundraiser.....	4,500.00
WMU Literature Refund.....	3.00
Youth Fundraiser.....	2,642.82
Hurricane Katrina Donations.....	5,309.00
DOM Prayer Strategy Conference.....	17.00
Misc. Receipts.....	99.68
Hispanic Mission Airfare for Rev Tito Crespo	512.00
Van Mileage.....	38.28
	\$ 96,968.82

DISBURSEMENTS FROM BUDGETED FUNDS

SALARIES & BENEFITS

CCM Director.....	\$ 2,217.24
Assoc. Secretary/Treasurer Salary & Taxes.....	17,062.76
Medical Insurance.....	5,936.00
Retirement.....	945.00
FICA Taxes.....	1,259.24
Conference (2 yrs).....	335.00
Christmas Bonus.....	250.00
DOM Salary.....	8,186.36
NC Tax.....	174.00
Utilities/Housing.....	8,000.04
Insurance (Life, Med. AD&D).....	5,466.13
Retirement.....	2,400.00
Christmas Bonus.....	500.00

OPERATION EXPENSES

Electricity and Water.....	\$ 2,091.27
Telephone.....	2,666.90
DOM Cell Phone.....	673.74
Equipment (copier, folding machine).....	10,675.57
General Supplies.....	2,989.32
Postage & Box Rental.....	1,908.20
Repairs & Maintenance.....	75.76
Grounds/Facility Repairs.....	395.00
Office Cleaning.....	600.00
Insurance (fire, theft, liability-property).....	912.51
Media Center.....	517.66
Miscellaneous.....	182.25

MINISTRY EXPENSES

Assoc. Speakers (Annual Meeting, Quarterly Sessions).....	1,177.92
Baptist Men.....	-0-
Christian Life.....	-0-
Deaconship.....	200.00
Discipleship.....	-0-
DOM Convention/Books/Conference.....	1,289.26
Evangelism.....	480.00
Hispanic Mission.....	5,007.98
Hmong Mission.....	9,347.16

Key Leadership.....	-0-
Ministry Discretionary Fund.....	425.89
Ministers' Conference Speakers.....	-0-
Operation InAsMuch.....	-0-
Music – Singing Seniors.....	1,352.28
Senior Adults.....	659.25
Stewardship.....	-0-
Sunday School.....	-0-
WMU.....	184.98
Youth.....	7,261.78
Transportation (Ins-2yrs/Repairs/Cleaning).....	847.97
	<u>\$ 28,234.47</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR NON-BUDGET ITEMS

Wachovia Bank Charge.....	28.10
Operation Christmas Spirit-Toy Store.....	6,315.43
Rev. John Mott, Higher Ground Baptist Church.....	11,000.00
Christian Crisis Center (BSC “Feed the Hungry” check).....	3,000.00
NC Baptist Men Hurricane Donations.....	5,309.00
Burger Basket Van Fundraising Expense.....	540.00
ACHS Bapt. Men Fundraiser.....	25.00
Strategy Planning Expense.....	1,038.74
Baptist Men Disaster Trailer Expense.....	17,019.41
Hispanic in General Ckg Acct. transferred to Hispanic Ckg Acct	14,436.07
Office Bookshelves	920.00
Taylorsville Times Christian Action League Ad.....	645.00
Deposit for AC Auditorium 9/17/06 Joint Worship Service.....	25.00
NC Baptist Foundation.....	16,000.00
NC Web Services.....	230.00
Alex. Co. Chapter of Christian Action League ckg. acct.....	386.18
	<u>\$ 76,917.93</u>

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.

2005 Annual Report

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2005, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.8 million and received \$7.1 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance

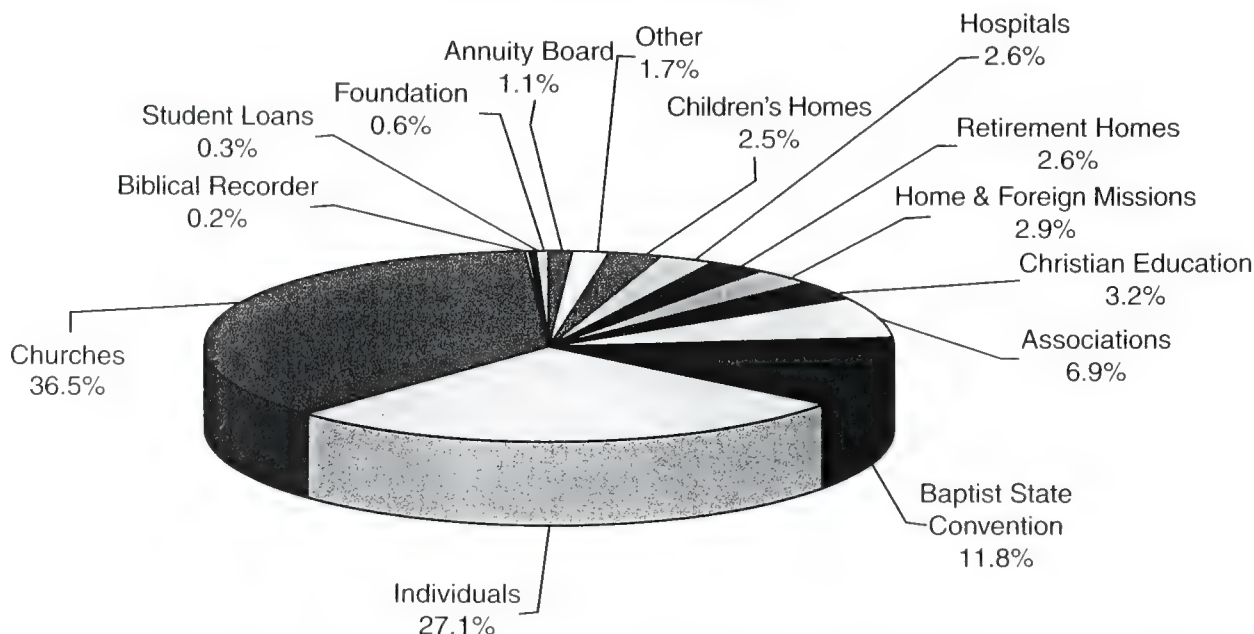
numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$10.6 million in contributions during 2005 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation held \$136.1 million under management.

During 2005, our distributions totaled \$7.8 million, with charity receiving \$5.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.1 million. During the 85-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$29.1 million has been distributed to individuals and \$53.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$82.4 million.†

Nancy V. Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. 2005 Distributions



NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN

Alexander Baptist Association

From: "Gaylon Moss" <Gmoss@bscnc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 12:30 PM
Subject: Statewide Operation Inasmuch

North Carolina Baptist Men is partnering with Operation Inasmuch, Inc. to organize a "one day missions blitz" across the state of North Carolina on April 19, 2008. Rev. David Crocker is assisting us in developing this statewide mission outreach entitled, "NC Operation Inasmuch". Our goal is to reach all 100 North Carolina counties with the gospel through hands-on mission service. We believe that God can use this event to mobilize thousands of volunteers to share his love all across our state.

Operation Inasmuch began at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in 1995 under the leadership of Rev. Crocker. Since then, this mission strategy to reach the local community has been implemented in at least seven states and two countries (Canada and England). To learn more about OIAM, go to www.operationinasmuch.com.

Many associations already have at least one church doing OIAM and, in the cases where there is not, assistance will be provided in their planning for this event. We would like to know if you are interested in this opportunity. Although there will also be some non-Baptists involved in this day, we want Baptist Associations to take the lead in this event.

One of the strategies to reach this goal is to name a NCOIAM leader in each North Carolina County. There will be more information and training to follow, but at this point we want to know if you would like to take part in this statewide event. If so, please contact Mary Mountz at 800.395.5102 x 334, or mmountz@bscnc.org with the following information: Your Name, Association, phone number, and email.

Report for 2006 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

During the past year significant strides have been made to provide the very best service to employees of our churches and agencies who are active participants in the retirement plan, jointly administered by GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, and the Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., and to those who have purchased insurance products from GuideStone. Through a contractual agreement with Morningstar Associates, LLC, a registered investment advisor, retirement participants now have access online to a leading innovator in offering retirement advice. Specifically, Morningstar Retirement Manager offers objective, expert recommendations and resources to help participants make clear decisions about their retirement plans. Never before have we been able to offer this incredible service at no cost to our retirement participants.

In the life and health areas enhancements continue to be made to provide additional flexibility in plan options, deductibles and competitive rates. Taking advantage of significant discounts through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, medical plan rates have been stabilized. While over 40% of personal plan participants received a decrease in rates in 2005, over 57% of personal plan medical participants received a decrease in rates for 2006. Additionally, the two Medicare supplement plans offered to retirees also received rate decreases in 2006. The 31 day open enrollment period for new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary continues to be an attractive option for that target group.

During the past year the importance of the protection benefits (disability and survivor), which come free to those who are active participants in the Church Retirement Plan and who are serving an eligible church, was magnified with 100 participants receiving disability protection benefits and 40 families receiving survivor benefits because of that many deaths among our church employees. One widow, whose pastor/husband in his early 50's suffered a stroke and died within ten days, received a survivor benefit check in the amount of \$50,000 in addition to the money in his retirement account. The survivor check of \$50,000 came quickly (also tax free) and proved to be a "life saver" to this widow. As in previous years, the great challenge is to educate our church employees and key lay leaders in our churches about these great benefits **provided at no cost** to those church employees who meet the eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, we gladly cooperate with the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of June 30, we have 222 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines, receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Unfortunately, others could be assisted if we only knew who they were.

In conclusion, it is our strong desire to increase the level of retirement participation and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

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**Council on Christian Higher Education
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
Report to Associations
2006**

Appreciate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Anticipate the Future

Across the years Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate Universities and Mars Hill College have emphasized that all Christians are called to ministry whatever their vocation. Each of the schools has in the past and continues to assist students in understanding how they can live out their calling and faith in the world.

Each of the schools also places a high priority on educating persons for vocational ministry and missions. In 2005 there were 495 Ministerial Students in our North Carolina Baptist universities and college.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to 551 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of \$1,176,551 in 2005. These students received an average of \$2,135. From Alexander Association 10 students received scholarship aid. These students came from the following churches: Bethlehem, Calvary, East Taylorsville, Stony Point and Taylorsville, First.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are honoring your heritage as you impact the world for good and for God.

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BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2005-July 2006)

Many Voices, One Story. . . North Carolina Baptists attending the Baptist State Convention Tuesday evening, November 15, 2005, sat as the lights in the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem dimmed. Messengers and guests had arrived anticipating the night's report from Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Every five years, the institution presents a 30-minute expanded report, which many people view as the highlight of the convention.

The crowd present this night leaned forward as the first child stepped to the microphone to tell her story. Children and residents representing BCH's four campuses, wilderness camping program, group homes and developmental disabilities ministry filled the stage area. The 2005 meeting was BCH's opportunity to share the ministry through children's testimonies and songs while highlighting the institution's 120th anniversary.

BCH president Michael C. Blackwell enthusiastically addressed the group declaring, "We are uniquely, proudly, passionately, and incurably a part of the North Carolina Baptist family."

To close the presentation, Broyhill Home resident Jennifer and developmental disabilities resident Marcie sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"These are God's miracle children...", Blackwell said. "I want you to see in those eyes the eyes of our God who loves children."

But the true pinnacle of the evening for one special child occurred away from the eyes of messengers.

"We were all saying goodbye when I looked down and saw Jennifer crying," said Lou Arnsdorff, Jennifer's child care worker. (Jennifer had just sang on stage.)

A tearful Jennifer told Arnsdorff, "I just want to ask Jesus into my heart." In a crowded hallway outside the auditorium, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior.

Show you love. . . This year's Baptist Children's Homes' offering theme, "Show You Love," represents the pivotal role individuals and churches play in the lives of hurting children.

North Carolina Baptists show their love through their prayer and financial support. It is only through this commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide offering goal is \$1,375,000. This represents a \$25,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2006 Offering Campaign.

Biography Unveiled. . . The biography of BCH president Michael C. Blackwell was published and officially unveiled to the public in April. ***Just Call Me Mickey: From Mill Village to Mills Home, The Journey of Michael C. Blackwell*** was written by the late Wint Capel, former editor of the *Thomasville Times*. The book chronicles Blackwell's life from his humble beginnings as a boy living in the mill village town of Gastonia to

becoming president of one of the largest private children's homes in the southeast United States.

New PMG members named. . . Baptist Children's Homes president Michael C. Blackwell announced several key administrative appointments in June. Nancy McNeill was named BCH's Executive Vice President (EVP) of Operations overseeing the statewide Institution's day-to-day operations. Jim Edminson was appointed as BCH's Institutional Director for Communications directing the agency's statewide communications. Shane Nixon has been named BCH's Institutional Director of Information Services directing BCH's technology services and broadening his role of service. McNeill, Edminson and Nixon will serve on Blackwell's President's Management Group (PMG).

Former resident, BCH child care worker, and administrative office manager Jennifer Shore was appointed Executive Assistant to the President and longtime staff member Ron Richardson was named Manager, Institutional Support Services.

Dedicated to the Glory of God. . . Baptist Children's Homes set its sights towards the future expanding its services to children and families.

- The Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville was dedicated in May. The facility is home to developmentally disabled adults in the Asheville area.
- The campaign to build two similar facilities for special needs adults in the Sanford community began in August 2005.
- A state-of-the-art education center in Kinston was dedicated in July. The new Reverend Kenneth E. Haigler & William "Bill" Overcash Education Center offers an on-campus school to residents at BCH's Kennedy Home.
- The Winifred Lindsay and Three Forks Homes for developmentally disabled adults were dedicated August 27 in Boone.
- Groundbreaking for DDM homes in Sanford and Asheboro will take place September 10 and October 14 respectively.

Historical Events



The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Happy Trails Cowboy Church – Forty-one decisions to accept Christ as Savior during the year. Some chose to be baptized in their home church and some were visiting from other states.

Hiddenite – We purchased two pieces of property during the 2005-2006 church year: the Cook property and house between the church and the Lucas Mansion and the Neil Summers property behind the church on Sulphur Springs Road. Our Pastor, Rev. Scott Huffman, lives in the Summers house.

Little River – Completed final phase of building project in the fall of 2005. God's richest blessings in Spirit and worship have been felt this year.

Pilgrim – A dedication was held in the spring of 2006 for our memorial flags and flagpoles.

Sulphur Springs – On March 5, 2006, the official groundbreaking was held for a new 400-seat sanctuary. Construction is ongoing at the present time.

Taylorsville, First – We celebrated our 154th Homecoming Celebration.

Three Forks – Mr. Josh Bengé was ordained into the ministry. Several groups went on mission trips this year: a team of ten went to Brazil; a team of eight went to Russia; and our Youth team went to New Orleans.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Digest of Letters	County	1	3	4	14	16	17	Add 18 & 19	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Add 25-27	Total Mission Expenditures	28	29
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Churches															
Antioch	Alexander	648	9	20	283	180	193	55	83	133	41	583,972	81,719	35,721	2,462
Bethlehem	Alexander	878	19	7	598	117	375	0	103	60	0	655,111	76,588	57,068	4,200
Beulah	Alexander														
605 Linney's Min Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Calvary	Alexander	305	8	4	220	147		0	188	0	0	361,827	124,399	0	0
131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1,612	30	33	661	420	300	415	147	85	75	860,852	125,291	19,000	10,000
644 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Happy Trails Cowboy Church	Alexander	17	6	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	42,757	7,276	2,138	1,283
311 Ned Herman Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Hiddenite	Alexander	469	17	13	203	123	134	0	63	30	20	241,887	19,649	3,739	5,224
250 Hiddenite Church St, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander														
Lebanon	Alexander	213	7	6	80	76	92	0	66	0	0	170,548	57,233	15,736	3,747
167 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Linney's Grove	Alexander	223	7	11	112	97	102	0	60	0	0	141,734	13,591	982	1,422
8160 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander														
Little River	Alexander	377	3	6	160	125	117	82	119	0	0	453,313	50,377	24,222	3,658
2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Macedonia	Alexander	158	4	0	73	50	106	0	41	30	0	103,167	9,814	1,925	2,475
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Millersville	Alexander	823	14	9	308	248		0	124	68	51	468,097	97,530	46,232	2,600
130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Mountain Ridge	Alexander														
47 Poplar Valley Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Mt. Herman	Alexander	288	10	1	152	125	105	0	74	43	22	262,867	61,011	30,000	9,500
3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Mt. Olive	Alexander	150	2	1	56	36	47	0	34	0	0	23,495	2,272	56	0
210 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Pilgrim	Alexander	209	8	14	82	68	119	0	52	12	0	88,284	5,295	0	2,875
965 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander														
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	314	3	3	129	95	158	0	84	0	0	244,493	34,100	18,137	3,000
31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Smyrna	Alexander	250	8	3	91	66	107	0	76	23	9	237,381	15,080	4,000	1,632
6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Stony Point	Alexander														
231 Ruritan Park Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	Alexander														
Sulphur Springs	Alexander	378	5	11	241	165	324	4	81	71	50	564,074	44,457	30,000	3,000
116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	Alexander														
Taylorsville First	Alexander	568	2	1	156	117	204	204	72	15	35	462,990	50,887	17,390	4,173
405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
Three Forks	Alexander	718	14	14	345	220	148	140	104	81	33	682,507	253,724	40,192	8,000
4685 Three Forks Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	Alexander														
TOTALS		8,598	176	159	3,950	2,475	2,631	900	1,581	651	336	6,649,356	1,130,293	346,538	69,251
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		9,060	139	173	4,437	2,839	3,436	928	1,709	859	357	6,507,110	1,046,444	317,398	76,740

**ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
120TH ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

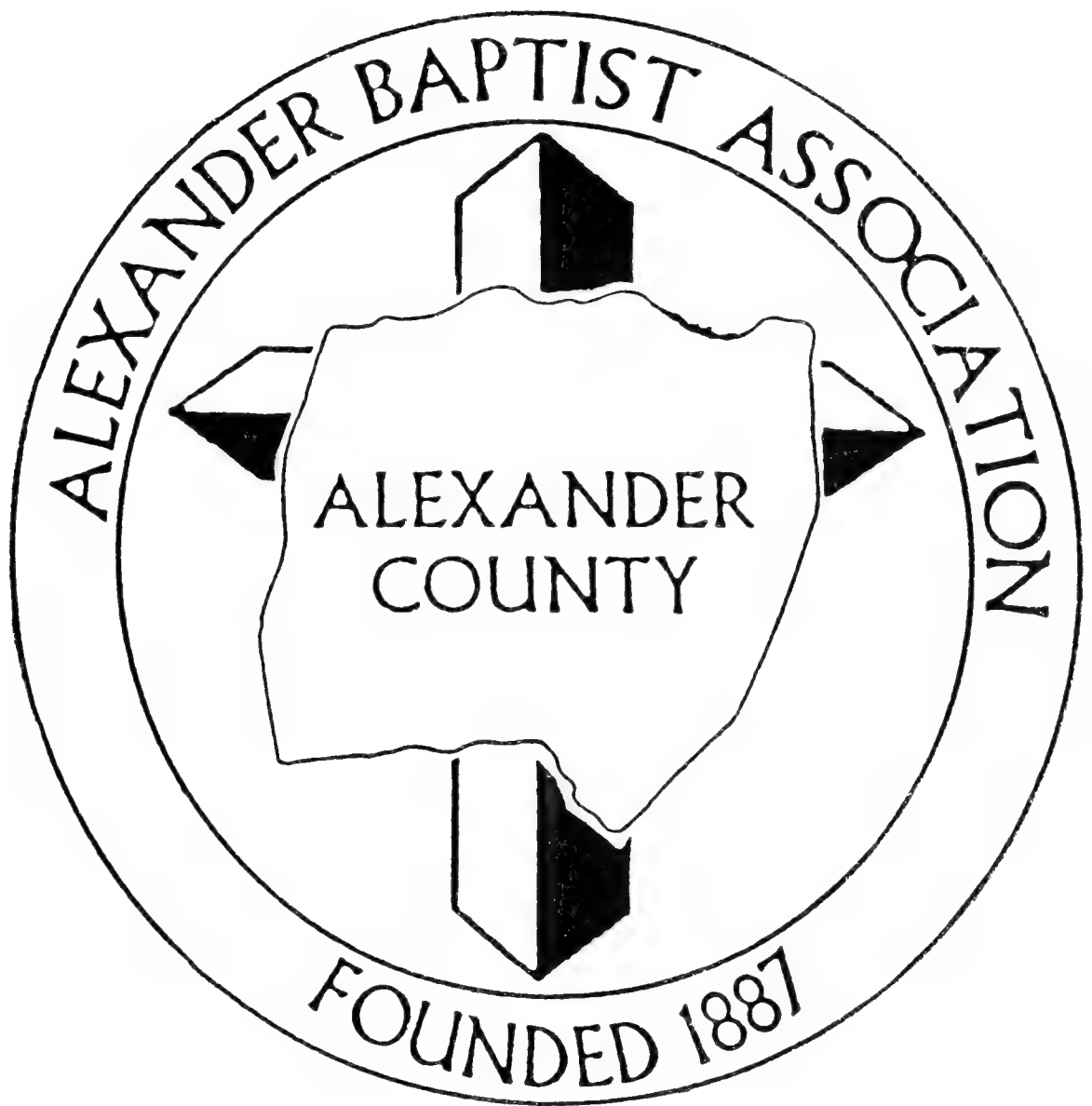
**The Representation of Christ
Holiness**



**O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:
fear before Him, all the earth. Psalm 96:9**

**Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give
thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.
Psalm 97:12**

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A FAMILY OF CHURCHES SHARING THE MISSION FOR THE MASTER

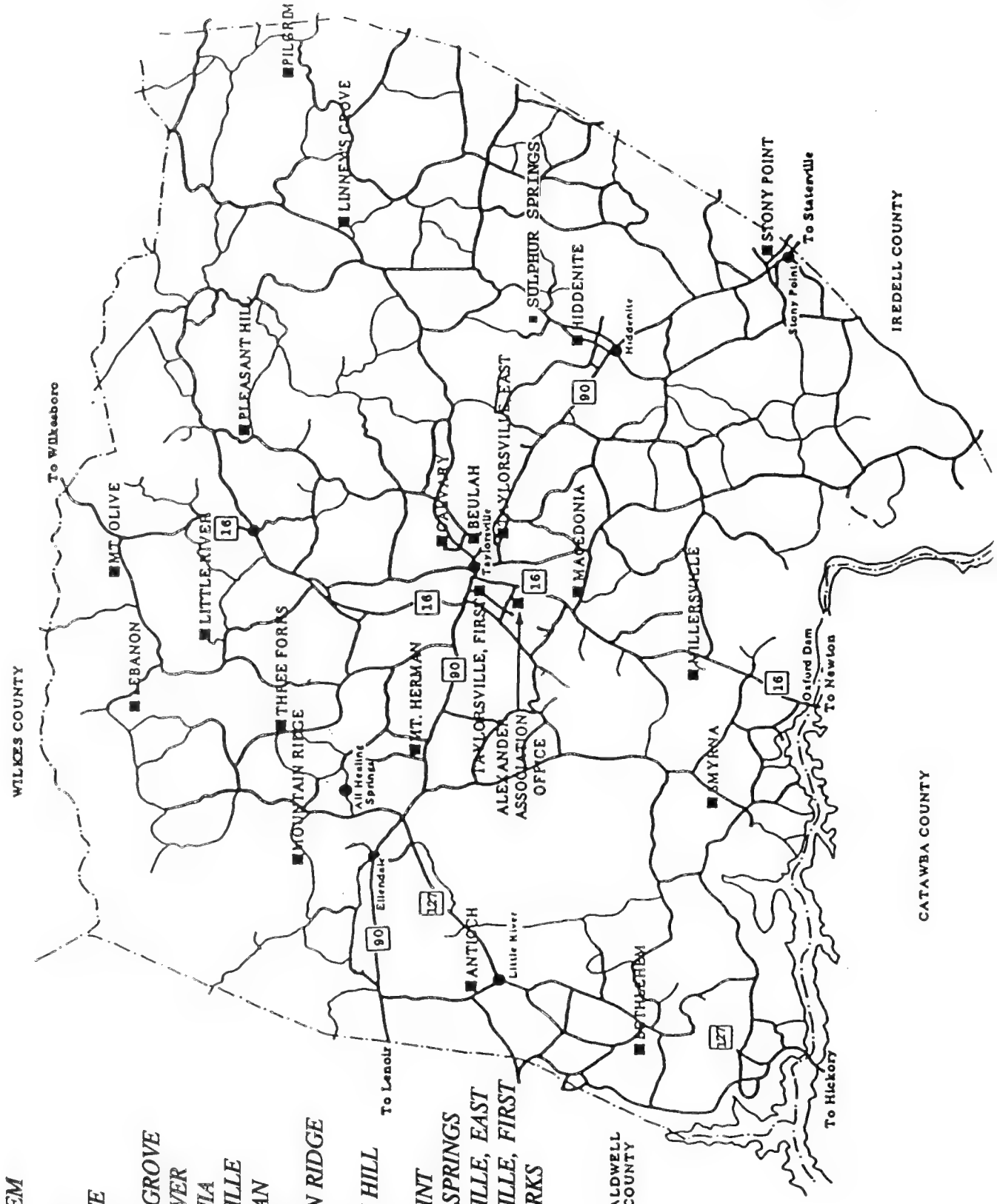
(...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...Acts 1:8)

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MAP OF ALEXANDER COUNTY

Associational Churches:

- ANTIOCH
- BETHLEHEM
- BEULAH
- CALVARY
- HIDDENITE
- LEBANON
- LINNEY'S GROVE
- LITTLE RIVER
- MACEDONIA
- MILLERSVILLE
- MT HERMAN
- MT OLIVE
- MOUNTAIN RIDGE
- PILGRIM
- PLEASANT HILL
- SMYRNA
- STONY POINT
- SULPHUR SPRINGS
- TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
- TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
- THREE FORKS



CALDWELL COUNTY

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Mrs. Margie Herman
Mrs. Annie Johnson
Mr. Joe Tipton
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No report:

Bethlehem
Calvary
Greater Faith Temple
Hmong Mission
Mountain Ridge

Sunday School Director's Report

In August of this year we were able to provide to the Association a Sunday School training event which was held at Mt. Herman Baptist Church. The training was centered on the book by David Francis "A Six-Lance Strategy Toward an Inviting Sunday School". We had around twenty in attendance and every one who came was given a copy of David Francis' book.

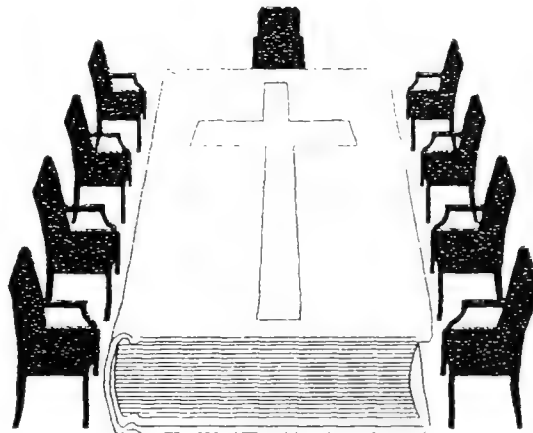
On April 14, 2008, we will again host a training event for all Sunday School age groups. This event will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church and each age group will have a leader who has been recommended by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It is shaping up to be a training event that would benefit all our churches and each Sunday School teachers who is concerned with doing Sunday School better.

Thanks to our DOM who has helped in the past couple of years to really help get the Sunday School division of our Association rolling. I and the rest of the Sunday School team at the association will be looking forward to doing more for our churches in the coming years. If we can ever be of assistance please feel free to get in contact with me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul D. Schronce

Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director



Proverbs 9:9

*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser;
teach a just man, and he will increase in learning*

Report on the ABA Christmas Store

The 2006 Christmas Store was held December 4-7 at the National Guard Armory. With donations of money and toys from the churches and with the help of numerous faithful volunteers, 120 families representing 304 children were served. Referrals were arranged through guidance counselors at schools and pastors. We had a wonderful time ministering in Jesus' name.

This year the Christmas Store will be held at the armory on December 3-7. We will be "shooting for" around 165 families this year. Referrals will be obtained the same way. This is a tremendous opportunity for the churches of the ABA to serve together. More information is forthcoming. Please pray for everyone involved that Christ will be honored and glorified.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fox,

Store Coordinator

Music Report

Our association choirs had a summer project to prepare and sing with the Mike Speck Trio. The choirs practiced twice together and separately throughout the summer. The choral book was “Redeemed,” Mike’s newest choir book. Mike has compiled and arranged 20 books for the local church in the last 30 years. Eight churches and a 100 voice mass choir sang with the Mike Speck Trio on Sunday, August 12, at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. What a night and what a Savior!

Senior Report

For our fifth annual conference, our seniors met together for their spring event. Each year we have been holding this meeting for the seniors and their friends for worship and fellowship. On May 5, we had Rev. Don Ingle speak and the Flowers Family sing. We also had a delicious lunch and door prizes. It was good to see and share with our old friends once again.

Rodney Boutwell

Singing Seniors Annual Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2007

The Singing Seniors continue to share their musical testimony throughout our area. The 2006 concerts featured the musical The Family of God by Phil and Lynn Brower.

In addition to seven church concerts from August (2006) through February (2007), the choir participated in Senior Day at the Alexander Senior Center in May. Currently the choir is presenting New Southern Favorites, arranged and orchestrated by Marty Hamby, Bradley Knight, Don Marsh, and Michael Frazier. A Christmas concert featuring the musical His Name Is Jesus has also been set for Sunday, December 16, 2007, at 3:30 PM at First Baptist Church in Taylorsville. Reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus brings such joy to these singers.

Brenda Robertson, the regular pianist for the choir, was joined again this season by guest instrumentalists Jody West, keyboard; Ron Younts, bass guitar; Amy Pruett, trumpet; and Grayson Bedenbaugh, percussionist. The addition of this instrumental ensemble brings an added dimension to our concerts.

As of Sept. 27, 2007, the Singing Seniors have led in seventy-six church concerts in seventeen different area churches since their organization in April 1999. The group currently includes fifty-one very loyal and faithful members. The choir has experienced the addition of five new members over the past year. The membership represents eighteen different churches.

To schedule a Singing Senior concert, please contact Robert or Shelia Austin at (828) 495-7531 or fiddlersridge@charter.net

Submitted by:

Robert & Shelia Austin

Directors of the Singing Seniors

The Alexander *Singing Seniors*

will present their 8th annual

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 16, 2007

at 3:30 PM

First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Taylorsville, NC

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“Carpe diem—Seize the day!”

I came across the following illustration in some of my reading. I believe it is worth passing on to commend you and thank you for enabling the Association to seize the opportunities that are before us for the honor and glory of Jesus.

The scene is a prep school somewhere in New England. On a beautiful fall morning the bright young men have gathered in English literature class, fearing the worst—long, boring hours arguing about *Beowulf* or the intricacies of iambic pentameter. But lo, it is not to be. Their teacher is brand new, a graduate who has returned to teach at his alma mater. To him English literature is not about names and rhymes; it's about life—living, dying, loving, caring, and feeling. He aims somehow to impart this vision to his young charges.

Suddenly he cries, “Follow me!” and leads the class out into the hallway, down to the glass cases that contain the pictures of former students from long ago. “Look,” he says, “Look closely; do you see them?” The pictures are old, cracked, faded, but you can still see their youthful faces. “Look at them carefully. They were once young like you are. They had hopes and dreams just like you do. They had grand ideas too.” Then the teacher lowers his voice and says, “Listen, can you hear what they are saying?” The young men press closer to the glass as if to hear the voices of the past come floating up from the cracked and faded pictures. “They’re calling out to you. If you listen, you can hear them. They’re calling out, ‘Carpe diem.’” These young men don’t know Latin, so the phrase is a mystery to them. “Carpe diem,” they mumble to one another. “Yes!” he cries out. “That’s it. Carpe diem. They’re saying, ‘Carpe diem. Can you hear them?’” Then he turns to one of the studious students and says, “Mr. Stevenson, do you know what carpe diem means?” The young man looks puzzled for a moment. Then the meaning comes to him. “Seize the day!” “That’s right!” cries the teacher triumphantly. “Seize the day! They are calling out to you from the past—seize the day!”

If you have seen the movie *Dead Poet’s Society*, that scene is forever etched in your mind. The past calls to the present—carpe diem—“Seize the day!” The future looks to the past and says, ““Carpe diem”—“Seize the day!”

I believe this is a very timely message for the Alexander Baptist Association in the twenty-first century. The past calls to the present “carpe diem” —“Seize the day!” The future looks to the past and says “Carpe-diem”---“Seize the day!” The Lord Jesus Christ is calling from heaven “Carpe-diem”---“Seize the day!” The Lord has opened and is opening a door of opportunity before us that no man can close. “Seize the day!”

Thank you pastors/staff/church families for enabling the Alexander Baptist Association to “Seize the Day” that is before us. Thank you for your faithful cooperation and financial support. Thank you for enabling the Association to “Seize the day” and take advantage of the opportunities that are before us in Bible Study, Outreach, Sunday School Growth, Missions, Evangelism, in winning people to faith in Jesus Christ and in meaningful Praise and worship.

God has huge, tremendous purposes to accomplish in the heart and life of every pastor and staff member. God has rewarding, astounding purposes for every church family, and for every person who names the name of Jesus.

I pray the Lord will reward you and bless you as “Seize the Day” for the honor and glory of God and as you continue to “walk worthy of His calling.” {Eph. 4:1}.

In praise and thanksgiving to the Lord!

Kenneth Lambert
Director of Missions

Recommendations from the Nominating Committee
Of the
Alexander Baptist Association
For
2008

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Clerk.....	Mrs. Suzanne Goble
Parliamentarian.....	

Administrative Standing Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Budget/Finance</u>			
Mr. Tim Keever	Hiddenite	Chairman	2009
Mrs. Rita Pennell	Pleasant Hill		2009
Mr. Jerry Durmire	Sulphur Springs		2008
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch		2010
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point		Treasurer
<u>Committee on Committees</u>			
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point	Chairman	2010
Rev. Mark Morris	Antioch		2009
Mrs. Suzanne Goble	Little River		2008
Mr. Gene Frye	Mt. Herman		2008
<u>Building & Grounds/Trans- portation</u>			
Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt. Olive	Chairman	2009
Mr. Gene Linney	East Taylorsville		2008
Mr. Phil Chapman	Lebanon		2010
<u>Credentials</u>			
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point	Chairman	2010
Mr. Frank Durmire	Sulphur Springs		2009
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite		2008
<u>History & Dedication of Minutes</u>			
Mrs. Florrie Kerley	Mt. Herman		
Mrs. Aileen Leonard	Sulphur Springs		

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Ordination			
<u>Examining</u>			
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill		2010
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Chairman	2009
Rev. Bill Orren	Millerville		2008
<u>Resolutions</u>			
Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	Chairman	2010
Rev. Phillip Addison	Stony Point		2009
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville		2008
<u>Policy & Procedure</u>			
Dr. Warren Hollar	Bethlehem	Chairman	
Bill Houchins	Stony Point		
Rev. Josh Bengé	Three Forks		
<u>Constitution & Bylaws</u>			
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point	Chairman	
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		
<u>New Work</u>			
Rev. Phil Addison	Stony Point	Chairman	
Rev. Mark Morris	Antioch		
<u>Personnel</u>	Executive Council		
<u>Trustees</u>	Executive Council		
<u>Quarterly Session Planning & Place</u>	Executive Council		

Mission Performance Committees & Consultants

<u>Baptist Men</u>			
Mr.		Director	2008
Mr. Bobby Dayvault	Sulphur Springs	Asst. Director	2008
Mr. Glen Dancy	Sulphur Springs	RA/Challengers	2008
<u>Christian Life Commission</u>			
Rev. Greg Barefoot	Stony Point	Director	2008
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt Olive		2008

Mission Performance Committees & Consultants (cont.)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Deacon Ministry</u> Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs	Consultant	2008
<u>Discipleship Training Team</u> Mrs. Barbara Starnes Rev. Phil Addison Rev. Mitch King Mr. Dallas Dolle	Stony Point Stony Point Sulphur Springs Mt. Herman	Adult Disc/Director Youth Discipleship Youth Drill Team Children Drill Team	2008 2008 2008 2008
<u>Evangelism Team</u> Rev. Don Martin Rev. Scott Huffman Rev. Greg Barefoot	Linney's Grove Hiddenite Stony Point		2008 2008 2008
<u>Mission Endowment Committee</u> Rev. Paul Schronce Mrs. Linda McLain Mr. John Alspaugh	Mt Herman Sulphur Springs Bethlehem	Director	2008 2008 2008
<u>Media Library/Computer Consultant</u> Mrs. Mary Addison	Stony Point		2008
<u>Music Team</u> Mrs. Shirley Lackey	Stony Point	Director Asst. Director	2008 2008
<u>NC Baptist Institutional Representative</u> Rev. Paul Schronce Rev. David Giffin Rev. Josh Bengé	Mt. Herman Linney's Grove Three Forks	Baptist Hospital Bpt Retirement Home Bpt Children's Home	2008 2008 2008

Mission Performance Committees & Consultants (con't)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>On Mission Team</u>			
Rev. Mark Marshall	East Taylorsville	Chairman	2008
Mrs. Vivia Cline	Antioch	North America	2008
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs	WMU	2008
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mt. Olive	At Large	2008
Mr. Danny Chapman	East Taylorsville	International	2008
 <u>Pastoral Ministry</u>			
<u>Consultant</u>			
Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove		2008
 <u>Seminary</u>			
<u>Extension</u>			
Dr. Jack Carver	Bethlehem		2008
 <u>Sr. Adult Ministry</u>			
Mr. Rodney Boutwell	East Taylorsville	Director	2008
Mrs. Sue Daniels	Little River	Asst. Director	2008
 <u>Singing Seniors</u>			
<u>Ministry</u>			
Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2008
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Asst. Director	2008
 <u>Stewardship</u>			
<u>Consultant</u>			
Mr. Chuck Stuckey	Stony Point	Director	2008
 <u>Toy Store</u>			
<u>Ministry</u>			
Mrs. Diane Fox	Millersville	Director	2008
 <u>SS-Bible</u>			
<u>Reaching/Teaching Team</u>			
<u>(Consultants)</u>			
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Director/Adult Leader	2008
Rev. Phil Addison	Stony Point	Youth	2008
Mrs. Mary Addison	Stony Point	Children	2008
Mrs. Marjorie Giffin	Linney's Grove	Preschool	2008
Rev. Scott Huffman	Hiddenite	Outreach	2008

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Terms Expires</u>
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Mrs. Trudy Perry	Millersville	GA/Acteens	2008
Mrs. Annette Schronce	Mt. Herman	Mission Friends	2008
Youth Ministry Team			
Rev. Phil Addison	Stony Point	Director	2008
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	Hiddenite		2008
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs		2008
Rev. Josh Bengé	Three Forks		2008
Rev. Kevin White	East Taylorsville		2008

Respectfully submitted by the 2007 Nominating Committee

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Rev. Darren Lambert	Pleasant Hill	
Rev. Josh Bengé	Three Forks	
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Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. On Sunday, July 15, 2007, the clerks in the Association met to discuss and to distribute the 2007 Congregation Profile. This year we had 6 of the twenty-five clerks in attendance. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We will continue to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms this year. This will be the ninth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had a 4 out of twenty-five churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2007.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time. Clerks in bold completed the profile online this year:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist
Mrs. Midgie Martin	-	Happy Trails Cowboy Church
Mrs. Tammy Fortner	-	Lebanon Baptist
Mrs. Joyce Payne	-	Millersville Baptist
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mount Herman Baptist
Mr. Steve Childers	-	Mt. Olive Baptist
Miss Sony Branton	-	Pilgrim Baptist
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist
Mrs. Brigitte Rhyne	-	Stony Point Baptist
Mrs. Debbie Elmore	-	Taylorsville First Baptist
Mrs. Debbie Mesner	-	Three Forks Baptist

THANKS again to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of your church and sharing with the Association how that the Lord has blessed your church. May God continue to richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and your Church.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2007 – SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>OCTOBER 2007</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS</u> <u>CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH</u>
2	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
4	<u>120TH ABA ANNUAL SESSION</u> <u>MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 4 – 9 PM</u>
7	On Mission To Share Jesus Sunday – SBC
9	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
9	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
9	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
12-13	New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
12-14	Literacy Missions Conference, Caraway
14	World Hunger Day
15-17	Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
16	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
20	Taylorsville Hometown Apple Festival, 9am-4pm ABA Disaster Relief Trailer on display
22-24	Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
28	Alex. Singing Seniors Concert, Linney's Grove Ch., 7:00 PM
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
23	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
30	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

NOVEMBER 2007 CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION MONTH

- 1 Region 7 NC Baptist Men Ministry Rally
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back One Hour
- 5 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 5-7 NC Baptist Secretaries' Assoc. Conference, Caraway
- 6 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 11-18 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for
 Baptist Children's Homes
- 12 BSC Executive Committee Meeting, Greensboro
- 12-14 Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Greensboro
- 13 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 13 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 18 ABA Joint Thanksgiving Service, SPBC – 6:30 PM
- 20 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 22 THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed 22, 23
- 25 Alex. Singing Seniors Concert, Clover Baptist, 7:00 PM
- 27 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 27 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM

DECEMBER 2007 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

CHRISTMAS STORE MONTH

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions and
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 3-6 ABA Christmas Store Collection and
 Distribution for Needy Families
- 4 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
 ABA Resource Center – 7PM

7	Pearl Harbor Day
11	Pastors' Christmas Party, Three Forks – 7 PM
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
11	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
18	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
22	Winter Begins
24,25	Office Closed for CHRISTMAS
25	CHRISTMAS DAY – Celebration of our Lord's Birthday

JANUARY 2008

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY – Office Closed
1	Baptist State Convention Office Closed
8	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
8	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
11-12	VBS Preview Event, Ridgecrest
15	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
20	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
22	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
25-26	State Baptist Men's Board Meeting
27	Baptist Men's Day in Churches
29	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
29	BSC Executive Committee, Caraway
29-30	BSC Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway

FEBRUARY 2008

- 3-10 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for
Baptist Retirement Homes
- 5 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 11-17 Focus on WMU
- 12 Pastors' Conference 10 AM
- 12 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 12 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Volunteers in Missions Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 19 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 25-26 State Evangelism Conference – Greensboro
Lawndale Baptist Church
- 26 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
- 26 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 29 NC Baptist Missions Conference & Baptist Men Convention

MARCH 2008

- 1 NC Baptist Missions Conference & Baptist Men Convention
- 2-9 On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer
and Mission Study/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 4 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
- 5 ABA SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
MOUNT HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH 7PM

9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

11 Pastors' Conference 10AM

11 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

11 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

16 PALM SUNDAY

18 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

21 First Day of Spring

21 GOOD FRIDAY – Office Closed

23 EASTER SUNDAY – CHRIST IS RISEN!

25 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

25 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

30-31 Baptist Missions Conference & Convention

APRIL 2008

1 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

4-6 BCM Spring Conference/Missions Extravaganza

8 Pastors' Conference 10 AM

8 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

8 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

5 State RA Track Meet

14 Sunday School Leadership Conference, Bethlehem, 7PM

15 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

18 State Bible Drill

19 ABA Baptist Men/Women – “Operation “InAsMuch”

22 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

22 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

25 State Bible Drill

29 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

MAY 2008

1 National Day of Prayer

2-4 State Church Library Workshop

4 State RA/Challenger Track Meet

6 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

12 Region 7 Baptist Men's Mission Rally

4-11 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Baptist
Hospital - Mother's Day Offering

11 Mother's Day

13 Pastors' Conference 10AM

13 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

13 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

17 State Bible Drill Finalists

20 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

27 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

27 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

26 Memorial Day – Office Closed

JUNE 2008

3 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

10 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

10 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

14 Flag Day

15	Father's Day
17	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
21	Summer begins
24	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM

JULY 2008

1	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
4	Independence Day – Office Closed
8	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
8	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
15	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
22	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
29	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

AUGUST 2008

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

5	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
12	Pastors' Conference 10 AM
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
12	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM
19	Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study ABA Resource Center – 7PM

- 26 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
26 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

SEPTEMBER 2008 NEW CHURCH YEAR

- 1 LABOR DAY – Office Closed
2 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
7-14 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for NC Missions
9 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
9 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
16 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM
23 First Day of Autumn
23 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7PM
23 Greater Faith Temple Ministry – Weekly Bible Study
ABA Resource Center – 7PM

121st ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 2 2008

4:00 PM

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.**Proposed Budget**

January through December 2008

	Jan-Dec 07	Jan-Dec 08
Ministry Expenses		
Association Speakers-Qty Sess.	\$800.00	800.00
Associational Women's Ministry	\$250.00	250.00
Baptist Men	\$400.00	400.00
Christian Action League	\$0.00	1,200.00
Christian Life/Break Silence	\$600.00	600.00
Deaconship	\$100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training	\$700.00	700.00
DOM-Conv-Books-Conf.	\$1,200.00	2,300.00
Evangelism	\$500.00	500.00
Hmong Ministry	\$1,800.00	0.00
Ministry-Disc.Fund for DOM	\$400.00	400.00
Missions	\$1,700.00	1,700.00
Music-Alex. Singing Seniors	\$700.00	700.00
Pastors' Conf/Christmas	\$250.00	450.00
Senior Adults	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
Sunday School	\$500.00	700.00
Toy Store-Christmas	\$2,000.00	3,000.00
Trans-Van Ins-Tag-Gas-Maint.	\$1,200.00	2,050.00
Youth	\$1,000.00	2,500.00
Total Ministry Expenses	\$15,100.00	19,350.00
Operation Expenses		
Equipment/Purchases	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
FICA-DOM	\$1,171.23	1,304.16
Grounds/Facility Repairs	\$750.00	750.00
Insurance-Property	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Cleaning	\$600.00	0.00
Office Repairs & Maint.	\$1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Supply/Software	\$2,200.00	2,000.00
Postage and Box Rental	\$1,650.00	1,750.00
Secretary Conf.	\$165.00	0.00
Travel-CCM	\$1,200.00	2,400.00
Utilities		
DOM Cell Phone		680.00
Electric/Water		2,100.00
Telephone		2,470.00
Total Utilities	\$4,500.00	5,250.00
Total Operation Expenses	15,736.23	16,954.16

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.**Proposed Budget**

January through December 2008

	Jan-Dec 07	Jan-Dec 08
Salaries & Benefits		
Director of Missions		
AD&D, Dis, ELife	\$249.36	367.92
Annuity	\$2,400.00	2,400.00
Christmas Bonus	\$500.00	500.00
Est. NC Tax	\$174.00	174.00
Medical Insurance	\$5,840.40	5,840.40
Salary	\$8,270.24	8,270.24
Utilities/Housing	\$7,040.00	10,447.44
Total Director of Missions	\$24,474.00	28,000.00
FICA/Secretary	\$1,156.30	1,304.16
Secretary Salary		
Annuity	\$1,260.00	0.00
Christmas Bonus	\$100.00	200.00
Salary	\$15,015.00	16,302.00
Total Secretary Salary	\$16,375.00	16,502.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	42,005.30	45,806.16
Total Expense	72,841.53	82,110.32

2008 Alexander Baptist Association Sessions

Semi-Annual Session

March 6, 2008
7:00 pm
Mt. Herman Baptist Church

121st Annual Session

October 2, 2008
4:00 pm
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.

Income vs. Expense

January through September 2007

		TOTAL
		Jan - Sep 07
	Receipt-Budget	
	ANTIOCH	1,800.00
	BETHLEHEM	3,150.00
	EAST TAYLORSVILLE	7,227.00
	FBC	2,685.47
	GREATER FAITH	75.00
	HAPPY TRAILS	786.31
	HIDDENITE	1,773.30
	IGLESIA BAUTISTA	50.00
	LEBANON	6,159.54
	LINNEY'S GROVE	2,074.00
	LITTLE RIVER	900.00
	MACEDONIA	1,800.00
	MILLERSVILLE	1,949.94
	MT. HERMAN	8,668.00
	MT. OLIVE	750.00
	PILGRIM	1,349.00
	PLEASANT HILL	2,250.00
	SMYRNA	1,727.74
	STONY POINT	7,134.01
	SULPHUR SPRINGS	2,250.00
	THREE FORKS	6,000.00
	Total Receipt-Budget	60,559.31
	Receipts-Non Budget	
	ALEX SINGING SENIORS-DONATIONS	478.00
	BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES	35.00
	BAPTIST MEN	25.00
	BAPTIST MEN'S BANQUET**	50.00
	BAPTIST MEN TRAILER	2,400.00
	GREATER FAITH MINISTRY	
	BSC GREATER FAITH TEMPLE MINIST	7,200.00
	GREATER FAITH TEMPLE ABA MONEY	4,800.00
	Total GREATER FAITH MINISTRY	12,000.00
	HMONG MISSION-HIDDENITE CH	460.74
	MISSIONS BLITZ	2,238.07
	REIMBURSEMENTS**	30.00
	Receipts-Non Budget - Other	1.00
	Total Receipts-Non Budget	17,717.81
	SALES TAX REFUND	338.04
	Total Income	78,615.16

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.

Income vs. Expense

January through September 2007

		TOTAL
		Jan - Sep 07
Expense		
Non-Budgeted Expenses		
Alex Singing Srs Donation/Disb.		284.00
Baptist Children's Homes		35.00
Baptist Men Disaster Trailer		573.90
Greater Faith Temple Ministry		
Greater Faith-BSC-Coop. Agreeeme		6,000.00
Greater Faith Temple ABA Contri		3,600.00
Total Greater Faith Temple Ministry		9,600.00
Hmong Mission-Hiddenite		230.25
Total Non-Budgeted Expenses		10,723.15
Ministry Expenses		
Mike Speck Concert		102.46
Association Speakers-Qty Sess. - Other		694.84
Total Association Speakers-Qty Sess.		797.30
Associational Women's Ministry		0.00
Baptist Men		441.44
Baptist Men's Banquet**		50.00
Christian Life/Break Silence		0.00
Deaconship		0.00
Discipleship Training		184.44
DOM-Conv-Books-Conf.		453.90
Evangelism		230.00
Hmong Ministry		1,800.00
Hmong Ministry HBC		445.35
Ministry-Disc.Fund for DOM		118.98
Missions		861.00
Music-Alex. Singing Seniors		666.71
Pastors' Conf/Christmas		0.00
Senior Adults		1,155.56
Sunday School		247.10
Toy Store-Christmas		588.84
Trans-Van Ins-Tag-Gas-Maint.		1,967.21
Youth		677.39
Total Ministry Expenses		10,685.22

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.

Income vs. Expense

January through September 2007

		TOTAL
		Jan - Sep 07
	Operation Expenses	
	Equipment/Purchases	853.12
	FICA-DOM	878.40
	Grounds/Facility Repairs	-527.08
	Insurance-Property	977.07
	Office Cleaning	200.00
	Office Repairs & Maint.	828.17
	Office Supply/Software	4,291.53
	Postage and Box Rental	1,271.11
	Secretary Conf.	0.00
	Travel/DOM	800.00
	Total Utilities	4,072.74
	Operation Expenses - Other	200.00
	Total Operation Expenses	13,845.06
	Reimbursements	9.40
	Salaries & Benefits	
	Director of Missions	
	AD&D, Dis, ELife	245.28
	Annuity	1,800.00
	Christmas Bonus	0.00
	Est. NC Tax	0.00
	Medical Insurance	1,613.25
	Salary	7,716.78
	Utilities/Housing	6,663.51
	Total Director of Missions	18,038.82
	FICA/Secretary	970.10
	Secretary Salary	
	Annuity	735.00
	Christmas Bonus	0.00
	Salary	12,680.88
	Total Secretary Salary	13,415.88
	Total Salaries & Benefits	31,454.70
	Total Expense	67,687.63
	Net Ordinary Income	10,927.53

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.
Income vs. Expense
January through September 2007

				TOTAL
				Jan - Sep 07
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
	Deferred Revenue			
	DISASTER RELIEF FUND CARRYOVER			2,694.38
	HMONG MONEY CARRYOVER			4,060.53
	SINGING SENIORS CARRYOVER			394.90
	Total Deferred Revenue			7,149.81
Total Other Income				7,149.81
Other Expense				
	Deferred Expenses			
	DISASTER RELIEF FUND CO-Expense			2,347.79
	HMONG MONEY-CO			4,060.53
	Singing Seniors Carryover 2006			394.90
	Total Deferred Expenses			6,803.22
Total Other Expense				6,803.22
Net Other Income				346.59
Net Income				11,274.12
Designated Eva Alspaugh Fund				1,000.00
	Hispanic Checking Acct			10,167.41
	ABA Checking Acct Balance			24,166.34
	ABA Evangelistic			5,734.09
	ABA Savings			2,856.11
	ABA CD			38,695.70
	ABA Total			71,452.24
	Eva Alspaugh Endowment Fund Balance			21,028.54



THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

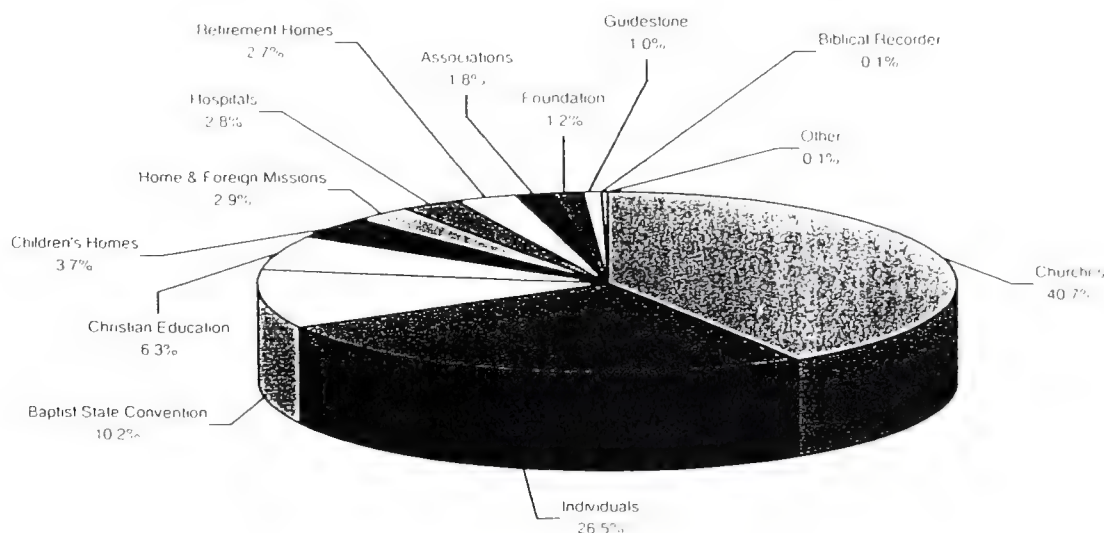
During 2006, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$2.6 million and received \$6.5 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Over \$2.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$11.7 million in contributions during 2006 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2006, the Foundation held \$153.1 million under management.

During 2006, our distributions totaled \$8.4 million, with charity receiving \$5.9 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.5 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$31.6 million has been distributed to individuals and \$59.2 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$90.8 million.

C. V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

**The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.
2006 Distributions**



Your Cooperative Program, 2007

Throughout 2007 your Cooperative Program continued to be the best way for North Carolina Baptists to work together and *cooperatively* support a global, nationwide and statewide program of missions, evangelism and ministry.

No other program will send a Christian dollar to as many places or touch as many lives for God's Kingdom!

The 2007 Cooperative Program budget is for \$37,786,000. It is only when we work together as Baptists and consolidate our missions dollars into a single unified budget that we can support major ministries and missions projects needed to share the gospel with a lost world!

Our Cooperative Program supports thousands of missionaries, ministry specialists and many types of work, yet it operates quite simply.

Here's how:

Each November when North Carolina Baptists hold their annual meeting, they adopt a Cooperative Program budget, currently in two-year cycles. That budget determines what work we support together and how much.

During the year congregations of all sizes, located across the state, send in their Cooperative Program checks to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the accountants divide up the money according to the budget and send it on its way to the many ministries we support.

That's why we say we give *through* the Cooperative Program, not *to* it!

The Cooperative Program is a *channel*, the way we divide up money among Baptist causes we support; it is not a destination.

This is how we as North Carolina Baptists support five colleges and a Bible institute, a major children's home, missions work across North America and around the world, plus a newspaper and a foundation.

Your Cooperative Program also supports the staff of your Baptist State Convention. This staff -- your state missionaries -- help hundreds of churches like yours each year in many kinds of work, from prayer ministry and church outreach programs to Sunday School and music, to discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staffs, among others.

Your Cooperative Program also provides hefty support to Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men, augmenting the support you and other North Carolina Baptists provide these important organizations through the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Bright outlook

Consider that more than 1,500 churches increased their Cooperative Program giving amount for 2006 over 2005. That means more than a third of the convention's churches have voted with their pocketbooks for the 1-3-6 Challenge!

What's that? It's a challenge to every church to increase its Cooperative Program giving by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all convention churches will do so, it will produce \$6 million a year in additional funds for the convention's vast program of work!

Biltmore Baptist church in Arden, led all convention churches on increasing Cooperative Program giving -- in 2006 the church gave \$92,216 more than in 2005!

And consider the example of Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville.

This amazing 1,300-member congregation led all convention churches in total giving -- and set a record in the process! Peninsula's members contributed a record \$422,607 through the Cooperative Program during 2006.

This was the first time in recent history that a single church gave more than 1 percent of the convention's total budget, which is \$37.7 million in 2007!

But that wasn't all.

Peninsula also placed second in the amount of increase given through the Cooperative Program -- \$69,341 more than in 2005, second only to Biltmore.

Further, Peninsula gave 26.8 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program, making it fourth in percentage giving among convention churches.

Some churches with much larger budgets than Peninsula's have the potential for joining the "1% Fellowship" but they do not come close to matching Peninsula's percentage of giving.

"Peninsula Baptist in Mooresville is an exceptional church with a great heart for missions," said Milton A. Hollifield Jr., executive director-treasurer of the convention.

All Sizes!

Peninsula presents a stirring lesson in missions support for congregations that are much larger.

But there are many North Carolina Baptist churches with fewer members which excel in missions giving.

For example, consider Westview Baptist Church in Shelby, led by pastor Steve Ellis.

Westview led the convention in total Cooperative Program giving in 2006 among churches with fewer than 400 members.

Westview's 399 members gave \$54,012 through the Cooperative Program, which was almost 20 percent of their undesignated receipts. That percentage was the third highest for Cooperative Program giving among churches with fewer than 400 members.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Boone led the convention in the percentage of undesignated receipts given through the Cooperative Program. This 101-member church led by pastor Brian Davis gave slightly more than 20 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program.

Consider Oak Forest Baptist Church in Fletcher, led by senior pastor Matthew Williamson. This 294-member congregation gave just over \$9,400 through the Cooperative Program in 2005, nothing in 2006, but then \$15,350 in 2006, the biggest increase of any church with fewer than 400 members.

Such reports show that churches of all sizes can participate in one of the world's largest programs of Christian missions!

An ad series in the *Biblical Recorder* during 2007 featured some of the churches which made increases in Cooperative Program giving. The pastors of these churches were happy to promote their church's missions support record in this public forum.

Mud Creek Baptist Church, a Hendersonville church led by pastor Greg Mathis, was increasing its Cooperative Program by 6 percent over a three-year period.

Hopewell Baptist Church in Monroe doubled its Cooperative Program giving for 2007 and committed to increase it more for 2008, reported pastor Lee Pigg. In Raleigh, Trinity Baptist Church, led by pastor Jeff Roberts, increased its Cooperative Program giving by more than \$28,000 for 2006.

Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church, located in the town of the same name, increased its Cooperative Program giving by more than \$25,000 and was one of the top overall contributors. Chris Conner is pastor.

These are just a few of the churches which boldly responded to the 1-3-6 Challenge and went beyond. Again, that challenge is for every church to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all the convention-affiliated churches will do so, it would result in an additional \$6 million a year for missions causes we Baptists hold dear.

But there's a prior challenge. That challenge is for more North Carolina Baptists to learn about the amazing variety and depth of missions, evangelism and ministry they support through their Cooperative Program.

We have had the Cooperative Program since 1925. It has served Baptists so well, that if we woke up tomorrow and did not have it, we would rush to recreate the same thing! It is work supporting and worth supporting more.

Giving will skyrocket when all North Carolina Baptists realize there's no other method which will send a Christian dollar to more places or touch more lives for God's Kingdom, than a dollar given through the Cooperative Program.



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2006-July 2007)

Oak Ranch added to ministry. . . Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) entered into a relationship with Oak Ranch, a residential program for at-risk boys, to manage the facility. Located on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway, Oak Ranch features two existing cottages, administrative buildings and an eight-horse equine therapy component.

"This is a historic event," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell. "Baptist Children's Homes and Oak Ranch share a vision to provide hope and healing to children. This is a natural merger, and we look into the future with great hope and tremendous expectation."

Plans are in place to accept boys into care at Oak Ranch beginning in October, 2007, but the property and Oak Ranch's distinctive equine therapy program are already being utilized by BCH residents and staff members from the institution's statewide locations.

New Program Helps Children With Intensive Challenges. . . BCH's new Level III program outreaches to children who are struggling to overcome a greater degree of emotional and behavioral issues. The service is designed to provide a highly structured and supervised residential environment that is responsive to the need for intensive, active therapeutic treatment and interventions.

Currently, BCH offers Level III child care services at Kennedy Home in Kinston and Moody Home in Franklin.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry Continues To Grow. . . On August 27, 2006, members of the Three Forks association, BCH staff and other supporters gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Zionville

The Three Forks Home is named in honor of the association for gifting the original Camp Joy property for the new homes. Lindsay Home is named in memory of Winifred B. Lindsay who donated a lead gift of \$400,000. Churches, businesses, organizations and other community friends helped raise funds to build the homes. The new DDM homes are a part of Joy Cove Ministries serving families in Watauga County and the surrounding community.

BCH held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10, 2006 to celebrate the expansion of its Developmental Disabilities Ministry to Sanford. BCH recently began building the two group homes to serve special needs adults in the Lee County area.

The Sanford based ministry has been tapped Willett Ministries. Jane Willett-Cromer, a resident of Gulf and mother of a developmentally disabled adult, gave three and a half acres of land for the Sanford-based homes to BCH in the memory of her husband Howard.

BCH and Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro hosted a “Laying the Foundation” ceremony on October 14, 2006. The ceremony celebrated the construction of BCH’s new DDM group home. The group home is located on the Cross Road Retirement Community campus which is owned by Cross Road Baptist Church. It will be called “The Asheboro Home,” and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for August 26, 2007.

The 3,000 square-foot facility offers a residence for six developmentally disabled adult women and will serve families in Randolph County and the surrounding community. The home was built in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). BCH will operate the home, providing the services and the staff.

Baptists Touch BCH Through Technology. . . Children in BCH’s care greeted Messengers at the 2006 annual session of the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum through the power of technology. Using a web camera link, five children at Mills Home in Thomasville carried on live, real-time conversations with convention attendees and thanked them for their love and support. Mills Home children answered questions and gave “high fives” to Messengers who viewed them on a large, flat panel display screen.

New Website Introduced. . . BCH also introduced the redesigned BCH Family (www.bchfamily.org) website during the November convention. The new website offers streamlined navigation making it easy to find information about BCH’s statewide services and a variety of ways to support the ministry. New features include online journals and photo galleries from the ministries locations around the state.

Charity & Children Marks 120 Years. . . *Charity & Children (C&C)* marked its 120th anniversary in 2007. Throughout its history, it has been a strong voice speaking for Baptist Children’s Homes conveying news, information, and children’s success stories. The free publication is mailed to as many as 62,000 subscribers a month, with estimated readership in excess of 170,000 per issue.

Seven year *C&C* editor Jim Edminson introduced a new look for the paper in January utilizing concisely written stories, the use of vivid, large photos, ample white space, and contemporary artwork to make the publication more approachable to readers.

The BCH news publication is produced each month by its publisher and BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, Edminson, and Blake Ragsdale who was named Managing Editor in late 2006.

BCH Named One Of Triad’s “Best Places To Work”. . . BCH was a finalist in the *Triad Business Journal’s* annual “Best Places to Work” competition. The institution finished in the elite four of the “charitable nonprofits” category. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, accompanied by members of his President’s Management Group, accepted the award at a ceremony in High Point.

BCH’s state administration offices, Mills Home residential campus and Weekday Education facilities in Thomasville, and group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem comprise BCH’s Triad area services

Dear Associational Leadership,

The theme of this year's 177th Baptist State Convention's annual session focuses upon the *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has been doing in and through North Carolina Baptists. I hope that as you gather to celebrate the many *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has been doing through the churches of your association this year, that you will join the Council on Christian Higher Education as we, too, celebrate God's work on the college and university campuses of institutions of higher education that cooperate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The student body of each campus is growing, new facilities are being built, and students are provided with opportunities to grow academically and spiritually. Allow me to provide an example of only a few of the *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has done on each of the five campuses this year:

Campbell University – 2,835 undergraduate students; establishment of a football program; construction of a new convocation center and new chapel.

Chowan University – significant renovations underway; improvement of athletic facilities; growth of endowments now totaling over \$21 million dollars; numerous students participated in missions trips and journeys to the Holy Land.

Gardner-Webb University – nearly 4,000 students from 34 states and 33 countries; new facilities for students with disabilities; new degree program – Master of Arts in Religion; marching band established; numerous students participated in missions trips to the Gulf Coast region, Canada, and Ecuador.

Mars Hill College – celebrated 150th anniversary; mission teams to Honduras, Greece, and New Orleans; established teacher education graduate degree program; new math and science building underway; renovations to athletic facilities.

Wingate University – over 1,800 students; 57 graduates comprised the School of Pharmacy's first graduating class; students involved in supporting the hunger relief efforts of the Charlotte Men's Shelter and Harvest Food Bank.

This year, undergraduate students were given the opportunity to apply for the Convention's Baptist Scholars Program scholarships on-line. The new application process is faster, easier, and much less complicated than the former paper applications.

I also hope that you will make plans to attend the annual session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, to be held in Greensboro on Monday, November 12 through Wednesday, November 14. Please plan to stay for the Council on Christian Higher Education presentation on Wednesday as the council will be highlighting the *Great and Wondrous Things* God is doing in the lives of Baptist students as they "Call to Me ..." Jeremiah 33 : 3.

I remind you that your generous gifts to the Cooperative Program provide important support to these five schools through scholarships and other unrestricted funds. These five schools, Campbell University, Chowan University, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College, and Wingate University, strive to provide educational opportunities from a Christian world view with a Baptist distinctive and are able to do so as you both give and pray for students, faculty, and campus leadership alike.

Brian K. Davis
Executive Director
Council on Christian Higher Education
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Report for 2007 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

The GuideStone Team has been extremely busy during this past year to ensure prompt and accurate delivery of information related to retirement, insurance, staff compensation, tax issues, etc. that impact dramatically the care of persons who serve on church staff here in North Carolina. We celebrated the retirement of Amy Strickland as Administrative Specialist on our team and welcomed Betty Pleasant to that ministry position after a number of years in the convention's administrative offices. We are very grateful for the ministry of these ladies in assisting church staff and key church leaders.

On January 2, 2007, Guidestone Financial Resources, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention headquartered in Dallas, Texas, introduced a new family of funds, *My Destination Funds*, which are date targeted to a retirement participant's projected retirement date at some point in the future. For those participants who choose to invest using these funds the hassle of keeping up with an appropriate asset allocation as the participant grows older is now removed. These funds are professionally managed and the asset allocation is adjusted automatically as the participant ages. This is a "great and wondrous" development since many church staff are focused primarily on ministry to people rather than managing their retirement account. Furthermore, the retirement funds at GuideStone exceeded their respective mutual fund peer universe median as measured by Lipper rankings during this past year.

The successful transition to a single provider for medical insurance for the GuideStone medical plans reaped great rewards as 57% of Personal Plan participants received no rate increase or a reduction in premiums. This is a "great and wonderful" thing for those who are covered with GuideStone medical insurance. Life and disability coverage continues to be tweaked to meet the needs of our church employees. Beginning with the 2007 fall semester all students enrolled at one of the Southern Baptist seminaries (we have Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina) will be covered with \$10,000 of life insurance at no cost to the student and the 31 day of open enrollment from matriculation for new students continues to be very attractive.

The Church Retirement Plan is a major emphasis of the GuideStone team. We are working hard to educate church staff and key church leaders to the best retirement plan on the market today for employees of our Baptist churches. On April 1 of this year annual church budget eligibility requirements for the Mission/Church Assistance Fund were dramatically adjusted from the previous requirement of less than \$40,000 per year to less than \$75,000 per year. Many of our church pastors will now qualify to receive \$50 per month for a five year period, but they must be active participants in the church retirement plan to receive this "great and wonderful" benefit.

Finally, we gladly promote the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of March 31, we had 204 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines and are receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Please assist us in identifying those persons who might qualify for this assistance.

In closing, it is our strong desire to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the new and redesigned GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Southern Baptists give \$150.1 million, Shatter Lottie Moon giving record

By Shawn Hendricks

RICHMOND, VA (BP) -- Southern Baptists topped the 2006 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal, delivering the largest gift in the offering's 118-year history.

After the books closed May 31, the final tally hit \$150,178,098.06, an 8.9 percent increase over last year's \$137.9 million. Southern Baptists last exceeded their goal three years ago by giving more than \$136.2 million to the 2003 offering after missionary appointments lagged because of insufficient funds.

The offering supports the work of more than 5,100 missionaries across the globe. This year's gift is expected to have a notable impact on the number of personnel being sent to the field. Board leaders anticipate sending 200 extra missionaries over the next two years, in addition to the normal appointment numbers.

"Because we are a missionary-sending organization, the number of missionaries we are able to send is directly related to the gifts we receive from Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," said Jerry Rankin, president of the International Mission Board.

"Not only will this unprecedented amount enable us to send more missionaries, it demonstrates the heart of Southern Baptists for missions and the high priority they give to reaching a lost world.

"More unreached people groups will have access to the Gospel, more people will be won and baptized, more churches planted and leaders discipled and trained around the world because of such a generous level of giving."

Rankin credited Woman's Missionary Union's support and loyal friendship with contributing to the offering's success.

"We are grateful for the partnership with WMU and their conscientious efforts in sponsoring and promoting the offering, as well as the personal sacrifice that gifts to the LMCO reflect in individuals throughout the convention."

Wanda Lee, executive director/treasurer of national WMU, added her appreciation to faithful support of Southern Baptists.

"Support for international missionaries is critical, and we are so grateful to the men and women, boys and girls, who are a part of what God is doing around the world by supporting international missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," Lee said.

"When WMU sets the [Lottie Moon Christmas Offering] goal each year, we recognize that it can only be attained when believers prayerfully consider the need and give sacrificially so that others may hear the name of Jesus."

Since the offering began in 1888, the total amount received through 2006 has exceeded \$2.8 billion.

GIVING LEADS TO MORE GOING

David Steverson, IMB treasurer and vice president for finance, announced at a May trustee meeting that if early projections held up, the board would be able send an extra 200 missionaries to the field. Now, the question is whether enough Southern Baptists will step forward to accept God's call to missions, he said.

"We are grateful to the Lord for the tremendous blessing of this record offering given through Southern Baptists," Steverson said.

"Pray to the Lord of the harvest to call out those who will go and proclaim His message throughout the world."

Last year, the board reported that 104 new people groups were engaged with the Gospel, 23,486 churches were started and 475,072 people were baptized.

"Thank you, Southern Baptists, for stepping up to the challenge of global evangelization and funding the highest Lottie Moon offering in missions history," said Gordon Fort, vice president for overseas operations.

"As a result we will be taking new initiatives to engage unreached people groups and will have the financial resources to increase our capacity to send more missionaries to the front lines."

To learn more about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, visit **imb.org** or call (800) 999-3113.

North Carolina Missions Emphasis
North Carolina Missions Offering
Theme: “Are You Listening?”

In the Old Testament, God called Samuel and he responded, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” In the New Testament, Jesus taught His followers through parables. At the end of each story, He would often say, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” It was His way of asking, “Are you listening? Did you hear what I said?”

In countless ways each day, God is calling each of us to put our faith and desire to obey Him into action. We are not simply to be hearers of the Word, but doers as well, listening and acting in obedience to God’s command as stated in James 1:22: ***“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*** Across our state, North Carolina Baptists are listening and obeying.

We have heard Christ’s call to serve the needs of our world, both physically and spiritually, through the missions and ministries supported by the NC Missions Offering. Changed lives have resulted! Hearts have responded to missions’ education efforts of WMU. Our NC Baptist Men are ahead of schedule on rebuilding their new goal of 700 hurricane-ravaged homes in Gulfport. Church planters started 88 new churches in our state last year. Many boys and girls learn about Jesus as they attend Camp Mundo Vista and Camp Caraway. Special ministries, chaplaincy, associational missions, and others are responding to the needs placed before them.

As we each pray, teach, go, and give, we show our Lord that we are listening and acting in obedience. The special offering to support missions of North Carolina Baptist Convention is received during September each year. ***“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.” Luke 8:8 KJV***

By: Vivian Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

FACTS & FIGURES by Vivian Cline
North Carolina Missions Offering 2006-2007

Because North Carolina Baptists generously supported this offering:

Some WMU Ministries:

Conducted 65 conferences statewide
Supports Christian Women's Job Corps
Conducted Missions Extravaganza at Ridgecrest
Sponsor GA's: Girls attended summer camp at Mundo Vista - 1174
Girls of inmates attended Camp Angel Tree - 85
Participants in Women's Prison Retreat - 110
WMU Prison Ministry Christmas "Red Boxes" filled - 2400
Hmong & Hispanic Women's Conferences - 230 participated

Some Baptist Men's Ministries

RA's Camp Caraway - 1,210 boys attended - 84 professions of faith
96 boys with a parent in prison attended Camp Angel Tree - 23 professions
687 RA's participated in RA Day - over 900 attended Bobcats ballgame
173 RA's participated in Father/Son Overnight camps

Disaster Relief:

972,620 meals prepared
4124 work requests completed
150,890 volunteer days
116,198 showers provided
1850 disaster volunteers trainees
7479 loads of laundry

Medical Missions:

3149 dental patients
279 medical
1,251 medical professionals who volunteered
946 laymen volunteers
medical buses were in use 211 days, traveling 22,313 miles
6 medical volunteers assisted 850 patients in Lebanon
850 patients served in Lebanon
6,000+ patients treated during international medical projects

Some Special Ministries:

National & international missions - 1,700 volunteers
1488 audio tapes sent to blind and visually impaired people
NC sent a team of 11 to do Deaf ministry in Honduras.
688 Literacy Missions teachers taught 2,340 students - 71 professions of faith
Aviation Ministry
88 new Baptist churches in NC were planted - majority non-English

North American Missions Emphasis

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

As Christians we are commanded to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ. The exciting result, when Christians obediently answer God's call to faithfully tell His story to others, is we see our world change through individuals whose lives have been impacted by Christ. According to a late survey data, 3 out of 4 people in North America do not profess to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. More than 5,300 North American missionaries are striving to meet these needs by giving their lives to "change the world" throughout the United States, Canada, and other territories. They are dedicated to sharing Christ and seeing lives changed when people accept Him as Savior.

Our North American missionaries rely on Christians to pray fervently for those who need to hear the gospel and that they would accept Christ as Savior. We can support them through our prayers; we can also support them financially through our giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Miss Annie Armstrong, for whom this offering is named, lived from 1850 to 1938. Her strong commitment to taking the gospel to Native Americans and immigrants came after hearing of their need. She traveled to Indian territories to minister personally to them. She also encouraged women to make boxes of supplies for missionaries so they could be better equipped to take the gospel to all people.

When WMU was organized in 1888, Miss Annie became the first corresponding secretary. It was a job she did wholeheartedly and without pay. She literally wrote thousands of letters (by hand) advocating mission work. In one year she wrote over 18,000 letters. She spoke in churches to spark the interest of women to take seriously a commitment to missions and support Southern Baptist missionaries. Therefore, it was very fitting in 1936 that the North American Missions Offering was named in her honor.

Our North American missionaries depend on us for their support. Not everyone can **go** on the mission field to serve. But we can **pray**; we can **teach** about missions; and we can **give** to missions.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."
Isa. 52:7a

Emphasis for this offering each year is March or April.

By Vivian Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

World Hunger Missions Emphasis

World Hunger Offering

- Each year more than 6 million children under the age of 5 die as a result of hunger.
- Hunger and poverty claim 25,000 lives every day in the world.

These two facts alone are staggering. The lack of available food around the world and in our own nation is overwhelming. But we, as Southern Baptists, have a unique way in which to help eradicate world hunger. We have the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

Because personnel are already in place and their costs are funded out of other budgets, the Hunger Fund uses 100% of all contributions to feed hungry people. When Southern Baptists give food, they are there also to make disciples for Jesus. The goal is to build relationships with people and eventually lead them to Christ as they are fed physically.

As we see and hear of major disasters in our country and world, we realize even more the importance of the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. In 2006, our hunger ministries fed nearly 6 million meals in North America.

Hunger Worldwide: 852 million people across the world are hungry. Every day more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes – one every 5 seconds. In the developing world, more than 1.2 billion people live below the poverty line, earning less than \$1 per day.

Hunger in the United States: Over 36 million people – including 13 million children – live in households that experience hunger. This represents 1 in 10 households. At high risk of hunger are: older couples on small pensions with high medical bills, single mother who must choose to pay rent or food, or children who struggle to concentrate on their schoolwork because the family had no food the previous night.

Our full cupboards and bountiful meals call us to accountability for cupboards around the world that are empty. In Jesus' words, ***"whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me."*** **Matt. 25:40**

This offering is received each year in October. World Hunger Day is observed on the second Sunday of October.

By: Vivian Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:

Happy Trails Cowboy Church – Forty decisions to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

Hiddenite – Hiddenite Baptist hired a “Minister of Students” who began his duties on July 8, 2007. Hiddenite Baptist Church hosted the “Women’s Conference” with Haven Parrott. Another conference is planned for October 5-6, 2007. We also hosted the “National Day of Prayer” in May 2007. Forty-one attended.

The Hmong Mission, which began at Hiddenite Baptist Church, joined with a mission from Hickory and began their own worship services on Springs Road in Hickory on June 3, 2007. They formed the Hmong Unity Baptist Church and are now independent and self-supporting.

Sulphur Springs – New 400 seat sanctuary near completion.

Three Forks – Celebrated 150th Church Anniversary. Ordained Mr. Eugene White as Deacon. A team of four went to Russia on Missions.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

Digest of Letters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	25a	25b
County	Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Missions Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions													
Churches																											
Amos 560 Anson Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	648	6	13	292	185	231	61	75	131	40	\$ 626,604	\$ 90,199	\$ 28,839	\$ 2,400													
Bethlehem 7502 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681																											
Calvary 131 Elm Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681																											
East Taylorsville 844 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681	1,635	22	231	649	420	350	0	112	135	65	\$ 901,737	\$ 136,853	\$ 22,285	\$ 10,500													
Greaser Farm																											
Hope, Trinity Church 311 Ned Hogan Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	\$ 36,757	\$ 15,796	\$ 1,823	\$ 1,094													
Hiddenite 250 Hiddenite Church St, Hiddenite, NC 28636	257	243	10	6	115	92	12	47	24	22	\$ 256,711	\$ 13,603	\$ 4,066	\$ 5,682													
Hiddenite Mission																											
Lebanon 157 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	217	6	3	79	80	94	20	65	0	0	\$ 183,651	\$ 50,112	\$ 16,257	\$ 8,129													
Long's Grove 932 Suphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636	216	1	0	105	91	98	0	56	0	0	\$ 146,750	\$ 15,444	\$ 2,241	\$ 2,276													
Little River 2300 Little River Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	360	13	12	174	130	132	91	135	0	0	\$ 323,598	\$ 32,684	\$ 21,579	\$ 1,200													
Macedonia 93 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	153	7	5	73	58	107	0	39	19	0	\$ 89,538	\$ 8,708	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,900													
Millersville 130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	845	17	11	332	212	350	0	64	82	99	\$ 472,268	\$ 75,994	\$ 24,734	\$ 2,600													
Mountain Ridge Alexander																											
Mt. Herman 3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681	297	8	1	140	0	127	0	80	52	20	\$ 192,610	\$ 64,935	\$ 32,000	\$ 11,500													
Mt. Olive 210 Mt. Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	154	1	5	60	34	49	0	37	0	0	\$ 80,278	\$ 1,592	\$ 157	\$ 1,261													
Pilgrim 965 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	205	0	0	82	72	128	45	70	16	14	\$ 93,788	\$ 5,620	\$ 500	\$ 1,900													
Pleasant Hill 31 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	313	6	0	111	90	127	0	77	0	0	\$ 233,330	\$ 32,615	\$ 16,689	\$ 3,000													
Smyrna 6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681	243	4	0	77	77	93	0	70	31	15	\$ 209,579	\$ 17,887	\$ 4,321	\$ 2,227													
Stony Point 231 Rutland Park Road, Stony Point, NC 28678	491	4	0	299	160	316	163	94	201	62	\$ 442,105	\$ 66,102	\$ 44,110	\$ 9,219													
Suphur Springs 116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636	415	22	23	286	195	374	66	100	75	92	\$ 844,176	\$ 40,224	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,000													
Taylorsville First 405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681	477	1	3	180	100	206	0	70	48	0	\$ 614,415	\$ 44,038	\$ 11,549	\$ 3,414													
Three Forks 4685 Three Forks Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681	710	2	6	349	234	204	124	141	87	29	\$ 722,696	\$ 201,782	\$ 41,550	\$ 8,000													
TOTALS	7,684	367	116	3,294	2,253	3,078	562	1,338	901	457	\$ 6,470,691	\$ 914,288	\$ 304,800	\$ 80,302													

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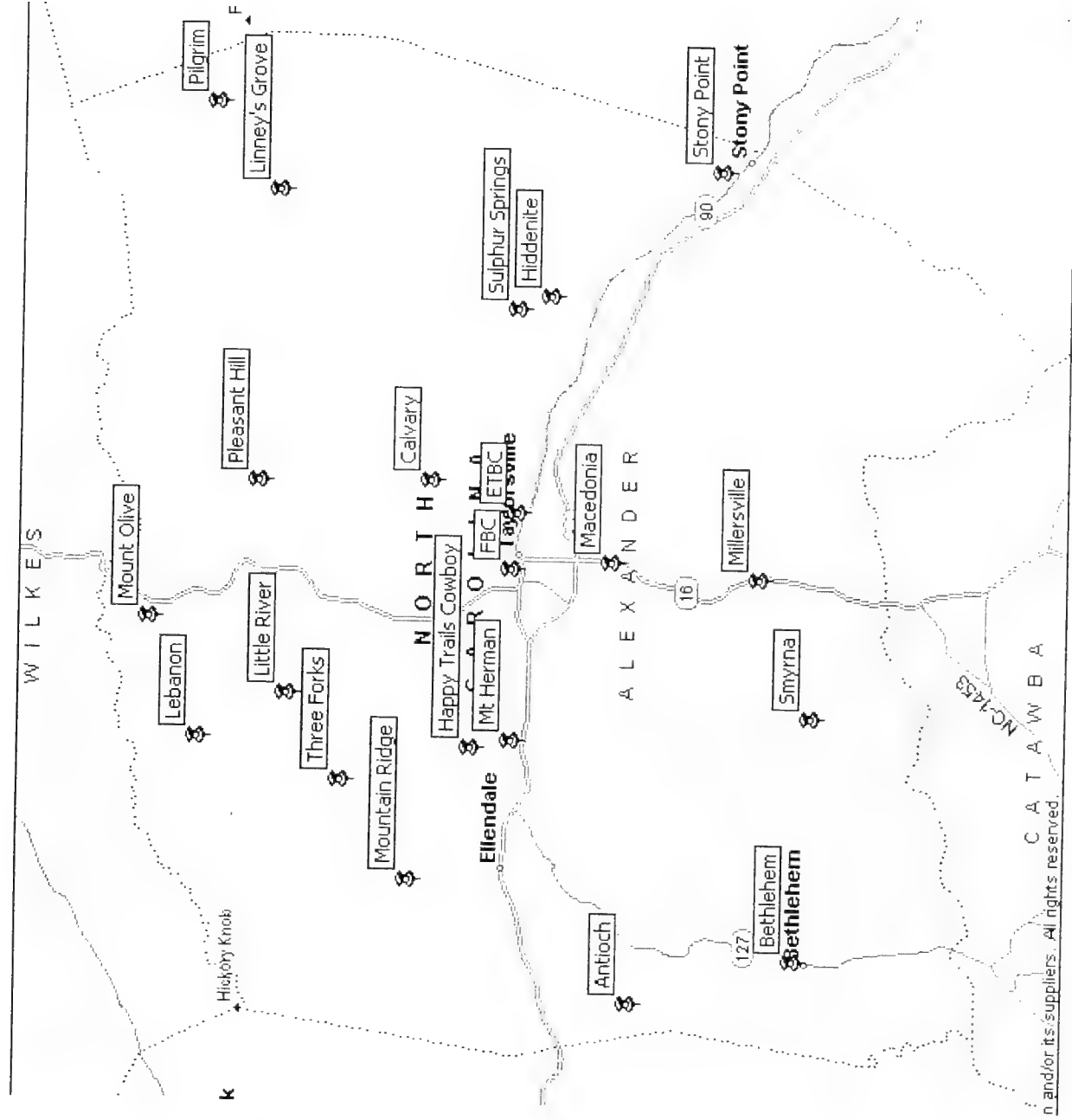


"SEE THEN THAT YE WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY, NOT AS FOOLS, BUT
AS WISE, REDEEMING THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL."
EPHESIANS 5:15-16

BOOK OF REPORTS

**Alexander Baptist
Association Churches:**

ANTIOCH
BETHLEHEM
CALVARY
FIRST BAPTIST
HAPPY TRAILS COWBOY
HIDDENITE
LEBANON
LINNEY'S GROVE
LITTLE RIVER
MACEDONIA
MILLERSVILLE
MT HERMAN
MT OLIVE
MOUNTAIN RIDGE
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STONY POINT
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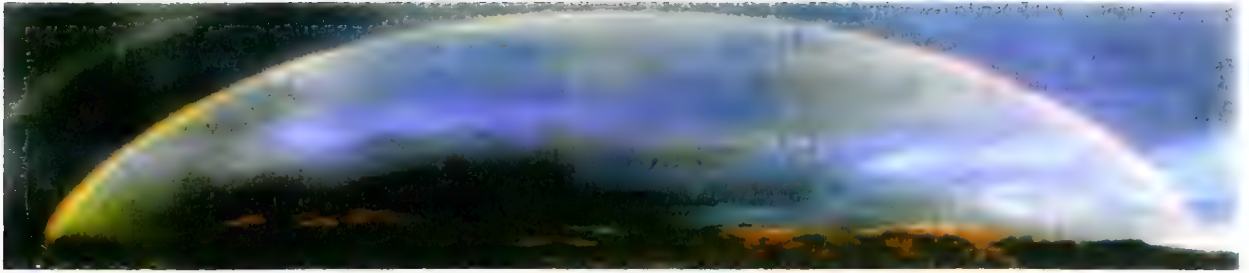


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**If my people,
which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land.**

II Chronicles 7:14



“The Promise of Faithfulness”

The Bible tells us in Genesis {6: 5-8, 9:12-17, 12} God set the rainbow in the sky as a sign of His Covenant with Noah and mankind that He would never again destroy the world by flood. Every rainbow is a vivid reminder of God’s promise of faithfulness. I am convinced our appropriate response is to follow the example of Noah and others throughout the Old and New Testament who were faithful to the Lord and to make our lives, or more literally we ought to allow the Lord to make our lives, beautiful, radiant rainbows that reflect our faithfulness to God.

Sometimes, we are prone to think that God has called us to a difficult, impossible task. We look at our church, the Alexander Association, our calling, our assignment, our situation, the challenge before us and complain about the difficulty of the place in which God has called and commissioned us to serve. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, we often find ourselves under the juniper tree whining and complaining. There were times when I felt like I had not done my best in teaching in sharing God’s word on Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings, or other occasions that I had my own juniper tree. But, I was reminded again and again that God has not called us to be “successful” in the world’s terminology, but He has called us to be faithful.

I have a feeling there hung over the mantle in the heart of Noah a rainbow that promised God that he would be faithful regardless of the barriers and the difficult obstacles he might encounter. The question that comes to my mind is: What would we do if God called on you and me to build an ark in our backyard? In spite of the technological advancements of our day, I think many of us would reason to God’s call like the man who said:

The Lord had a job for me,
But, I had so much to do,
I said, you get somebody else,
Or wait till I get through.

I don’t know how the Lord
came out
But He seemed to get along.
But I felt kinda sneaking like.
I knowed I’d done God wrong.
Then one day I needed the
Lord.

I needed Him right away.
He never answered me all.
But I could hear Him say.
Down in my accusin’ heart
Mister, I got too much to do.
You get somebody else
Or wait till I get through.

Now when the Lord has a job
for me
I never tries to shirk.
I put what I has on hand aside
And does the good Lord’s
work.

And my affairs can run along
Or wait till I get through.
For nobody else can do the
work
That God’s marked out for
you.

You and I know what Noah did. He went out behind the house and began to cut down those gopher trees for lumber and began the difficult task to which God had called him. I am convinced of the following four truths from the scriptures in Genesis {6:5-8, 9:12-17, 12}:

- I. NOAH WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS DAILY LIFE.
- II. NOAH WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS SERVICE TO GOD.
- III. NOAH WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS WITNESS.
- IV. GOD WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS PROMISE.

The Bible teaches us and we believe God gives everyone an opportunity. No one in that distant day could say, "I didn't know." There was a time when the door was open and the invitation was given. God has given His word. Every page is a burning warning against postponement: "Today is the day of salvation; now is the accepted time; boast not thyself of tomorrow; choose you this day whom you will serve." Every promise of salvation in the Bible is NOW!

You and I know that the judgment is over for Noah's day, but the Bible teaches us that someday God will roll up this world like an old disregarded newspaper and throw it into the fire. Just as God provided an ark of safety through Noah, He has provided an ark of salvation through faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ for the judgment to come. There was only one door into the ark. The Bible teaches us and we believe there is only one way to salvation. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Every person in Noah's day was either in the ark or on the outside. Today, every person is either in Christ or outside the ark of salvation.

I encourage you to trace the rainbow of God's precious promises and be challenged to be faithful in the task to which God has called you and is calling you. I encourage you to be faithful to Jesus! Be faithful to His Word! Be faithful to His Church! Be faithful in your attendance to worship and serve Jesus! Be faithful in your witness! Be faithful in your giving! Be faithful in praying, supporting, and encouraging your pastor and staff and one another! Be an encourager! Be a strong, positive witness for Jesus! Be a part of the team effort to reach the multitudes that still need to place their faith and trust in Jesus! God's faithfulness to His promises and to us should be the motivation for our faithfulness to Him! Pray for all our church families in the Alexander Baptist Association and beyond will be united together to be faithful to Jesus!

The Bible tells us: "faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." It tells us: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised." Jesus said: ... "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" {Scripture references: I Thess. 5:24; Heb. 10:23; Rev. 2:10}.

I pray the Lord will continue to bless and reward you for your loving, loyal faithfulness to Jesus and the Kingdom of God, the ministry of His church, and supporting the mission of the Alexander Baptist Association!

Please know and remember: You are loved and appreciated! I praise the Lord for the honor and privilege to join with you in serving Jesus!

Kenneth Lambert
Director of Missions

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In Memoriam

Antioch

Mrs. Lona Crouch
Mrs. Doris Fox
Mr. Randy Pennell
Mrs. Lois Watson

Bethlehem

Anna Hall
Lloyd Icard

East Taylorsville

Mrs. Christine Elder
Mr. Gary Layne
Ms. Myrna Little
Mrs. Ruth Ann Miller Sweeny
Mrs. Edith Watson

Hiddenite

Mrs. Nancy Bentley
Mrs. Minnie Grant
Mr. Gerald Goble
Mr. Bruce Warren

Linney's Grove

Grace Childers
Jean Donaldson
Colleen Houston
Sam Wiles

Little River

Margie Cavin
Henley Deal
Lorene Elder
Kay Foxx
Gaynelle B. Watts
John Watts
Willard Watts

Macedonia

Mr. David Bowers
Mr. Nesbie Cline
Mrs. Lois Icenhour
Mrs. Yvonne Patterson,
Clerk

Millersville

Mr. Carl Orr
Mrs. Annie Mae Rector

Mount Herman

Mr. Johnny Bumgarner
Mr. Wyatt Kerley
Mr. Jerry Keever
Mr. Lloyd Mayberry
Mr. Fred Pennell

Pleasant Hill

Mr. Kenneth Daniels
Mrs. Pansy Deal
Miss Nellie Jolly
Mr. Odell Kerley
Mrs. Loretta Robinson

Smyrna

Mrs. Pauline Frye

Stony Point

Mr. Howard Crisp
Mrs. Tots Finncanon
Mrs. Thelma Robinette

Sulphur Springs

Mr. Leslie Gregory
Mrs. L.B. Johnson

Taylorsville, First

Roy Brookshire
Wilma Cook
Jane Kay Hawkins
Louise Howell
Dr. Edwin Max Schrum

Three Forks

Mr. Maurice Barnes
Ms. Willie Brookshire
Mrs. Wilma Chapman
Mr. Graydon Harrington
Ms. Annie Johnson
Mr. John McLeod, Retired
Deacon
Mr. Bob Phillips
Mr. Gene Shaver
Mr. Joe Tipton

None Reported:

Lebanon
Mt. Olive
Pilgrim

Sunday School Director's Report

In April of this year we were able to provide to the Association a Sunday School Training event which was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The training was centered on the theme "How to Build A Real Sunday School." Along with help from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention the Alexander Baptist Association was able to provide instruction for Sunday School teachers and leaders in all age groups. As best as can be remembered, there were 55-60 teachers and leaders from our churches in attendance.

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, we will again host a training event for Sunday School teachers and leaders who work in the area of children and youth. This event will be held at Stony Point Baptist Church. As of this report the planning is still underway but it promises to be an event to help all those who work with children and youth in the area of Sunday School. As always, it will be a training event that would benefit all our churches who are concerned with doing Sunday School better.

Thanks again to our DOM who has helped in making these training events a success. I and the rest of the Sunday School team at the Association are looking forward to helping each of our churches in any way we can. If we can ever be of assistance please feel free to get in contact with me.

Respectfully Submitted

*Paul D. Schronce
Alexander Baptist Association
Sunday School Director*



Proverbs 9:9

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet

Wiser;

Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Christmas Store Report – 2007

Location : National Guard Armory on Highway 16 North in Taylorsville

Date : December 2 – 6, 2007

Time : Sunday, Dec. 2 – Two hours were allotted for churches to drop off toys early and begin set-up

*Monday, Dec. 3 – 9:00 – 11:00 Finish set-up of store
11:00 – 7:00 Shopping*

Tues. – Wed., Dec. 4 – 5 : 11:00 – 7:00 shopping

*Thurs., Dec. 6 – 11:00 – 4:15 Shopping
4:15 – 6:30 Pack & Clean*

*Number Served: 149 families representing 419 children.
Applications were arranged through the guidance counselors at schools and pastor referrals.*

Finances : See financial report

Number of Participating Churches :

Volunteers came from 9 different churches.

The Spanish Mission served on Tuesday from 4:00 – 7:00 to help with Hispanic speaking families.

Coordinator : Diane Fox, Millersville Baptist Church

Note: Appointments were scheduled every 10 minutes but people were able to take as long as necessary to “shop”. We accepted donations if the family was able to give and the proceeds went back into the store. Each family was accompanied by a volunteer to assist them. An invitation to attend one of our near-by churches and a plan of salvation tract were included in each bag. Information cards were sent out to churches for possible prospects. Thank you to each church and each person who provided gifts or donations, volunteered, or prayed as others worked. It truly is a group effort.

Report on ABA Christmas Store Cont'd

Special Thanks:

Nothing could have happened without all of the wonderful **volunteers and the support of our churches.**

The **guidance counselors** and **case workers** from the Alexander County Schools under the leadership of Darlene Carrigan were instrumental in providing recommendations for applications.

Representatives from the **Gideons** were present every day to give out Bibles and talk with people.

The **Salvation Army** provided a representative each day who gave each family a food voucher (based on size of family.)

Market Basket in Taylorsville provided shopping carts for us to use.

Shell Brother's Oil Company provided a large number of trucks & banks.

The **Taylorsville Times** provided newspaper articles and printed our cards at no cost.

Samaritan's Purse provided lots of items for our stocking stuffer table.

The fellows at the **National Guard Armory** were a big help and a pleasure to work with.

Singing Senior Annual Report

Alexander Baptist Association

October 2008

The ***Singing Seniors*** continue to share their musical testimony throughout the area. The 2007 concerts featured the musical New Southern Favorites arranged and orchestrated by Marty Hamby, Bradley Knight, Don Marsh, and Michael Frazier.

The choir presented ten (10) church concerts from August (2007) through August (2008) in Alexander, Caldwell, Catawba, and Iredell Counties. The ***Singing Seniors*** were featured at the Disaster Relief Worship Service at Antioch Baptist Church on January 25, 2008, and also presented a musical program at Friendship Lutheran Church in May for Alexander Golden Opportunities.

Brenda Robertson, the regular pianist for the choir, was joined again this season by guest instrumentalists Jody West, keyboard; Ron Younts, bass guitar; Amy Pruett, trumpet; and Grayson Bedenbaugh, percussionist. The addition of this instrumental ensemble brought an added dimension to the concerts.

Currently the choir is preparing Homecoming Hymns, conceived and compiled by William J. Gaither, arranged by William J. Gaither and Lari Goss, and orchestrated by Lari Goss. Concerts are currently scheduled for Sept. 28th at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Oct. 26th at East Taylorsville, Nov. 23rd at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, and March 29th at Clover Baptist Church. Reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus brings such joy to these singers!

As of Sept. 23, 2008, the ***Singing Seniors*** have led in eighty-five (85) church concerts in nineteen (19) different area churches since their organization in April 1999. The group currently includes forty-eight very loyal and faithful members. The membership represents eighteen different churches.

To schedule a ***Singing Senior*** concert, please contact Robert or Shelia Austin at (828) 495-7531 or fiddlersridge@charter.net. The following dates are open for additional concerts. **Only one concert per month will be scheduled.**

Jan 18 or 25
Feb. 15 or 22
April 19 or 26
May 17 or 24

Submitted by:
Robert & Shelia Austin
Directors of the Singing Seniors

Senior Report

Our seniors met for sixth annual Spring Conference at First Baptist Church April 26, 9am to 1pm. We began this event in 2003 with the idea to bring seniors together for fellowship and worship. Each time we had congregation singing, guest musicians, door prizes, and visiting preachers. Our attendance has been from 70 to 100 people. This year our singers were: Heart Song, Lana Smith; our pastor was Dr. Ed Yount. We finished the day up with a delicious lunch.

The seniors had a Cake 'n' Ice Cream Party at East Taylorsville Baptist Church on September 16, 5pm. It was a rainy and cold day! But we enjoyed the ladies cakes and the homemade ice cream. Musicians were: Gary and Lynn Kerley. Comedian was: Dee Loudermelk.

Rodney Boutwell

September 17, 2008

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Recommendations from the Nominating Committee
2009

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Vice Moderator	Rev. Paul Schronce
Treasurer	Rev. Greg Barefoot
Clerk	Miss Suzanne Goble
Parliamentarian	Rev. Mitch King

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Budget/Finance</u>			
Mr. Tim Kever	Hiddenite	Chairperson	2009
Mrs. Rita Pennell	Pleasant Hill		2009
Mr. Wayne Holland	Antioch		2010
Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC		Treasurer

Committee on Committees

Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC	Chairperson	2010
Rev. Mark Morris	Antioch		2009
Dr. Warren Hollar	Bethlehem		2011

Building & Grounds/Transportation

Mr. Wade Fortner	Mt Olive	Chairperson	2009
Mr. Phil Chapman	Lebanon		2010

Credentials

Rev. Phillip Addison	SPBC	Chairperson	2010
Mr. Frank Durmire	Sulphur Springs		2009
Mr. Lanny Stewart	Mt. Herman		2011

History & Dedication of Minutes

Mrs. Florrie Kerley	Mt. Herman
Mrs. Aileen Leonard	Sulphur Springs

Resolutions

		Chairperson	2010
Rev. Phillip Addison	SPBC		2009
Rev. Bill Orren	Millersville		2010

Policy & Procedure

Dr. Warren Hollar	Bethlehem	Chairperson	2010
Bill Houchins	SPBC		2009
Rev. Tim Marsh	FBC		2011

Policy & Procedure

Dr. Warren Hollar	Bethlehem	Chairperson	2010
Bill Houchins	SPBC		2009
Rev. Tim Marsh	FBC		2011

Constitution & Bylaws

Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC	Chairperson	2009
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt Herman		2011
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs		2010

New Work

Rev. Phil Addison	SPBC	Chairperson	2010
Rev. Mark Morris	Antioch		2009
Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		2011

Personnel

Executive Council

Trustees

Executive Council

Quarterly Session Planning & Place

Executive Council

Baptist Men

Mr. Tim Fox	Bethlehem	Director	2009
		Asst. Director	
		RA/Challengers	

Christian Life Commission

Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC	Director	2009
Mrs. Junellyn Fortner	Mountain Ridge		2009

Deacon Ministry

Rev. Steve Parks	Sulphur Springs	Consultant	2009
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Discipleship Training Team

Mrs. Barbara Starnes	SPBC	Adult Disc/Director	2009
Rev. Phil Addison	SPBC	Youth Discipleship	2007
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	Hiddenite	Youth Drill Team	2007
		Children Drill Team	

Evangelism Team

Rev. Jamie Steele	ETBC	Chairperson	2010
Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC		2009
Mr. Aaron Burke	SPBC		2011

Mission Endowment Committee

Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Chairperson	2009
Mrs. Linda McLain	Sulphur Springs		2009
Mr. John Alspaugh	Bethlehem		2009

Media Library/Computer Consultant

Mrs. Mary Addison	SPBC		2009
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Music Team

Mr. Tom Seamone	Millersville	Director	2009
		Assistant Director	

NC Baptist Institutional Representative

Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman		2009
Rev. Phil Addison	SPBC	Baptist Children's Home	2009

On Mission Consultant

Rev. Mark Marshall	ETBC	Chairperson	2009
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Seminary Extension

Rev. Greg Barefoot	SPBC	Director	2009
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Senior Adult Ministry

Mrs. Janet Linney	FBC	Director	2009
Mrs. Sue Daniels	Little River	Assistant Director	2009

Singing Seniors Ministry

Mrs. Shelia Austin	Antioch	Director	2009
Mr. Robert Austin	Antioch	Assistant Director	2009

Stewardship Consultant

Mr. Chuck Stuckey	SPBC	Director	2009
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Toy Store Ministry

Mrs. Diane Fox	Millersville	Director	2009
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Rev. Paul Schronce	Mt. Herman	Director/Adult Leader	2009
Rev. Phil Addison	SPBC	Youth	2009
Mrs. Mary Addison	SPBC	Children	2009
Mrs. Annette Schronce	Mt. Herman	Preschool	2009

WMU Team (Consultants) - refer to Committee on Committees

WMU Director
GA/Acteens
Mission Friends

Youth Ministry Team

Rev. Phil Addison	SPBC	Director	2009
Rev. Marvin Yarborough	Hiddenite		2009
Rev. Mitch King	Sulphur Springs		2009
Rev. Kevin White	ETBC		2009

Nominating Committee

Rev. David Giffin	Linney's Grove
Kim Payne	Three Forks
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Clerk's Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the Association as Clerk again this year. On Sunday, July 13, 2008, the clerks in the Association met to discuss and to distribute the 2008 Congregation Profile. This year we had six of the twenty-two clerks in attendance. Thanks for your attendance and patience!

We will continue to submit the Congregation Profiles to the State via the Internet instead of the paper forms this year. This will be the tenth year that churches have been able to submit the profiles via the Internet. We had six out of twenty-two churches input their information directly to the Baptist State Convention via the Internet for 2008.

Thanks to all of the church clerks for their cooperation and prompt response to completing the Congregation Profile on time and accurately. The following clerks are recognized for completing their profiles and returning them to the Association Office on time. Clerks in bold completed the profile online this year:

Mrs. Denise Rudisill	-	Antioch Baptist Church
Mrs. Melinda Chapman	-	East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Mrs. Debbie Elmore	-	First Baptist Church

Mrs. Midige Martin	-	Happy Trails Cowboy Church
Mr. Gale Sharpe	-	Hiddenite Baptist Church
Mrs. Tammy Fortner	-	Lebanon Baptist Church
Mrs. Diane Brinkley	-	Macedonia Baptist Church
Mrs. Joyce Payne	-	Millersville Baptist Church
Mrs. Rita Brewington	-	Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Miss Sonya Branton	-	Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mrs. Carol Deal	-	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Mrs. Patsy Robinson	-	Smyrna Baptist Church
Mrs. Brigitte Rhyne	-	Stony Point Baptist Church
Mrs. Debbie Mesner	-	Three Forks Baptist Church

THANKS again to all the Clerks for keeping accurate records of your church and sharing with the Association how that the Lord has blessed your church. May God continue to richly bless you for your dedication and service to Him and your Church.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2009

OCTOBER 2008 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

9 121st ABA ANNUAL SESSION
PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH 3:45 – 9 PM

12 World Hunger Sunday
13 Columbus Day
14 Pastors' Conference @ ETBC 10 am
14 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
18 Taylorsville Apple Festival
26 Singing Seniors @ ETBC
28 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm

NOVEMBER 2008 CHRISTMAS STORE COLLECTION MONTH

2 Turn Clocks Back
3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
4 Election Day
6 Region 7 NCBM Men's Ministry Rally
9-16 Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes
10-12 BSCNC Annual Session, Raleigh
 NO Pastor's Conference
11 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
23 Joint Thanksgiving Service, Millersville Baptist Church
25 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
27 THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed 27, 28
30 Week of Prayer for International Missions Begins

DECEMBER 2008 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS
CHRISTMAS STORE MONTH

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ABA Christmas Store Collection and Distribution for Needy Families

7	Pearl Harbor Day
9	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
21	Winter Begins
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
24-26	Office Closed for CHRISTMAS
25	CHRISTMAS DAY – Celebration of our Lord's Birthday

JANUARY 2009

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY – Office Closed
8	ABA Quarterly Meeting, 7 pm, First Baptist Church ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
18	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Baptist Men's Day – BSCNC
27	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
28-29	BSCNC/Associational Missionaries Retreat

FEBRUARY 2009 True Love Waits Emphasis

8	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
10	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
14	Valentine's Day
16	Presidents' Day
23-24	State Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest
24	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm

MARCH 2009

North American Missions Emphasis

- 1-8 Living with Urgency: Week of Prayer & Mission Study & The Annie
Armstrong Easter Offering
Daylight Savings Time Begins
ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
Statewide Prayer Conference, TBD
- 15 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
Spring Begins
NCBM Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Baptist, Charlotte
- 22 Living with Urgency: Start a Church Sunday
ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm

APRIL 2009

- 2 ABA Quarterly Meeting, 7 pm, Pilgrim Baptist Church
- 4 RA Car Race Day
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 10 Good Friday, Office Closed
- 12 EASTER
- 14 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
- 19 Life Commitment Sunday
- 23 Church Building Conference, First Baptist Church, Statesville
- 24 State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournaments
- 24-26 State Church Library Ministries Workshop, Caraway
- 25 State Children's Bible Drills
- 26 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 28 ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
- 28 The Essential Church Conference, BSCNC, TBA

MAY 2009

1	State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournaments, TBD
1-3	Men's Ministry Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
3	Senior Adult Sunday
3-10	Christian Home Week
2	State Children's Bible Drills, TBD
2	State RA/Challengers Track Meet, Asheboro
10	Mother's Day
12	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
12	Region 7 NCBM Missions Rally, TBD
16	State Finalists Bible Drills & Tournaments
17-23	Living with Urgency: Baptist Association Emphasis
25	Memorial Day, Office Closed
26	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
29-30	Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, TBD
31	Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism

JUNE 2009

8	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
14	Flag Day
21	Baptist Men's Emphasis
21	Father's Day
21	Summer Begins
23	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
26-28	Bi-vocational Ministers Conference, Caraway
28	Mission: Dignity Sunday

JULY 2009

3	Office Closed
4	Independence Day
5	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday

JULY Cont'd

9	ABA Quarterly Meeting, Mt. Olive Baptist Church
14	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
28	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm

AUGUST 2009

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

2	Social Issues Sunday: Sexual Purity
3-8	World Missions Week, Caswell
9	Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day
10-14	Family Missions Week, Caswell
11	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
14-15	Lay Witness Conference, Caraway
21-22	Local Church Brotherhood Development, Caraway
25	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm

SEPTEMBER 2009 NEW CHURCH YEAR

6	Single Adult Sunday
	Labor Day, Office Closed
	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
11-12	Fall Sunday School Training, Caswell
11-12	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest
13-20	Week of Prayer for NC Missions Offering
20	Anti-Gambling Sunday
18-19	Fall Sunday School Training, Caraway
22	ABA Singing Seniors, Sr. Center 7 pm
22	Autumn Begins

122nd ANNUAL SESSION

October 8, 2009

4:00 PM

East Taylorsville Baptist Church

Alexander Baptist Association, Inc.

Proposed Budget

January through December 2009

	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 09
Ministry Expenses		
Association Speakers-Qty Sess.	800.00	800.00
Baptist Men	400.00	200.00
Christian Action League	1,200.00	1,200.00
Christian Life/Break Silence	600.00	600.00
Deaconship	100.00	100.00
Discipleship Training	700.00	600.00
DOM-Conv-Books-Conf.	2,300.00	2,300.00
Evangelism	500.00	300.00
Pastors' Conf/Christmas	450.00	350.00
Ministry-Disc.Fund for DOM	400.00	400.00
Missions	1,700.00	1,700.00
Music-Alex. Singing Seniors	700.00	700.00
Senior Adults	1,000.00	1,200.00
Sunday School	700.00	500.00
Toy Store-Christmas	3,000.00	2,000.00
Trans-Van Ins-Tag-Gas-Maint.	2,050.00	2,000.00
Associational Women's Ministry	250.00	250.00
Youth	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Ministry Expenses	18,550.00	17,700.00
Operation Expenses		
Equipment/Purchases	1,000.00	1,000.00
FICA-DOM	1,304.16	1,304.16
Grounds/Facility Repairs	750.00	750.00
Insurance-Property	1,000.00	1,100.00
Office Repairs & Maint.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Supply/Software	2,000.00	2,000.00
Postage and Box Rental	1,750.00	1,800.00
Travel/DOM	2,400.00	3,600.00
Utilities	5,250.00	5,250.00
Total Operation Expenses	16,954.16	18,304.16
Salaries & Benefits		
Director of Missions		
AD&D, Dis, ELife	367.92	367.92
Annuity	2,400.00	2,400.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00
Medical Insurance	2,151.00	2,151.00
Salary	10,463.00	12,463.00
Utilities/Housing	12,118.08	12,118.08
Total Director of Missions	28,000.00	30,000.00
FICA/Secretary	1,304.16	1,500.00
Secretary Salary		
Christmas Bonus	200.00	250.00
Salary	16,302.00	18,000.00
Total Secretary Salary	16,502.00	18,250.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	45,806.16	49,750.00
Total Expense	82,110.32	85,754.00

2009
Alexander Baptist Association
Sessions

January 8, 2009
First Baptist Church
Taylorsville

April 16, 2009
Antioch Baptist Church
Taylorsville

July 9, 2009
Mt Olive Baptist Church
Taylorsville

October 8, 2009
East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Taylorsville

Alexander Baptist Association
Income vs Expense
October 2007-September 2008

	<u>Oct '07 - Sep 08</u>
Receipt-Budget	
Antioch	2,470.00
Bethlehem	4,200.00
East Taylorsville	9,500.00
FBC	4,092.00
Happy Trails	1,265.50
Hiddenite	2,456.52
Iglesia Bautista	50.00
Lebanon	8,248.16
Linney's Grove	2,747.52
Little River	900.00
Macedonia	3,600.00
Millersville	2,599.92
Mt. Herman	10,000.00
Mt. Olive	1,122.28
Pilgrim	2,043.00
Pleasant Hill	2,319.82
Smyrna	2,776.80
Stony Point	9,728.62
Sulphur Springs	3,000.00
Three Forks	8,000.00
Unity Hmong	615.10
Total Receipt-Budget	81,735.24
Receipts-Non Budget	
BAPTIST MEN TRAILER	3,174.80
BSC GREATER FAITH TEMPLE MINIST	1,600.00
Reimbursements**	1,918.39
Total Receipts-Non Budget	6,693.19
Sales Tax Refund	60.97
Total Income	88,489.40
Expense	
<u>Non-Budgeted Expenses</u>	
Alex Singing Srs Donation/Disb.	194.00
Baptist Men Disaster Trailer	1,113.34
ACFFV	2,000.00
Greater Faith Temple Ministry	
Greater Faith-BSC-Coop. Agreeeme	2,800.00
Greater Faith Temple ABA Contri	1,200.00
Total Greater Faith Temple Ministry	4,000.00
Total Non-Budgeted Expenses	7,307.34

Ministry Expenses

Association Speakers-Session	300.00
Christian Action League	900.00
Christian Life/Break Silence	77.08
Discipleship Training	377.39
DOM-Conv-Books-Conf.	948.69
Evangelism	424.63
Ministry-Disc.Fund for DOM	463.00
Missions	889.45
Music-Alex. Singing Seniors	469.60
Pastors' Conf/Christmas	240.96
Senior Adults	1,251.05
Sunday School	191.72
Trans-Van Ins-Tag-Gas-Maint.	1,168.45
Youth	1,550.07

Total Ministry Expenses	8,952.09
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Operation Expenses

Equipment/Purchases	2,887.67
FICA-DOM	1,293.33
Grounds/Facility Repairs	365.00
Insurance-Property	1,037.65
Office Repairs & Maint.	314.99
Office Supply/Software	1,601.47
Postage and Box Rental	1,504.19
Secretary Conf.	0.00
Travel/DOM	2,100.00
Utilities	5,708.79

Total Operation Expenses	16,813.09
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Salaries & Benefits

Director of Missions

AD&D, Dis, ELife	367.92
Annuity	2,400.00
Christmas Bonus	500.00
Medical Insurance	2,151.00
Salary	10,419.54
Utilities/Housing	11,309.73

Total Director of Missions	27,148.19
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FICA/Secretary	1,139.88
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Secretary Salary	
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Christmas Bonus	100.00
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Salary	14,800.50
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Total Secretary Salary	14,900.50
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Total Salaries & Benefits	43,188.57
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Total Expense	76,261.09
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Net Ordinary Income	12,228.31
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Alexander Baptist Association
Income vs Expense
October 2007-September 2008

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Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Deferred Revenue

Christmas Toy Store	11,726.19
Disaster Relief Fund Carryover	4,217.71
Shattering the Silence	776.92

Total Deferred Revenue	16,720.82
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Total Other Income

16,720.82

Other Expense

Deferred Expenses

Christmas Toy Store	5,708.96
Disaster Relief Fund CO-Expense	2,952.03
Shattering the Silence	776.92

Total Deferred Expenses	9,437.91
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Total Other Expense

9,437.91

Net Other Income

7,282.91

Net Income

19,511.22

Hispanic Checking Acct	10,215.63
ABA Checking Acct Balance 9-30-08	40,186.71
ABA Evangelistic	5,761.41
ABA Savings	2,869.43
ABA CD	39,812.52
ABA Total	88,630.07

Eva Alsbaugh Endowment Fund Balance	21,028.54
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THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

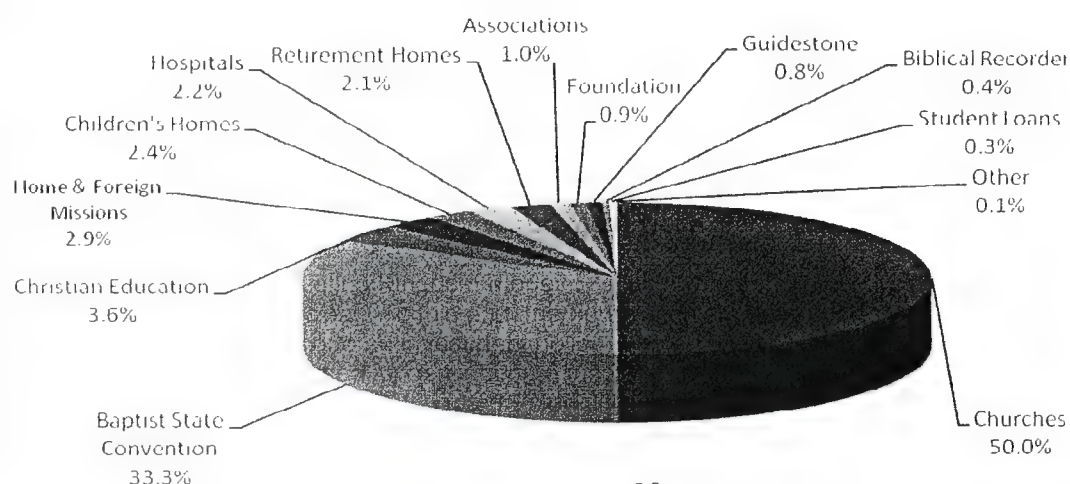
Accomplishing this mission does indeed involve Caring, Sharing, and Daring. The Caring of the Foundation manifested itself in 2007 as individuals were assisted in establishing 35 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$1.8 million and received \$4.8 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Approximately \$445,000 from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received just over \$7 million in contributions during 2007 for Christian causes.

And, how is this for sharing? During 2007, our distributions totaled \$13.9 million, with charity receiving \$11.6 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2.3 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$33.9 million has been distributed to individuals and \$70.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$104.7 million.

The Daring is seen in our investing Kingdom money in such a way as to grow the assets while at the same time protecting the principal. To this end, the Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Citi Institutional Consulting, a division of Citigroup Global Markets, to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2007, the Foundation held \$156.9 million under management.

C. V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. 2007 Distributions



Report from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

For period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

North Carolina Baptists faithfully invest in the lives of others so that the truth of the Gospel may penetrate hearts and change lives. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina staff, under the leadership of Executive Director-Treasurer Milton A. Hollifield, Jr., is committed to helping Baptist churches maximize their ministry outreach for the purpose of building the Lord's Kingdom.

This year the Executive Committee voted unanimously that the ministry of the BSCNC expand to create a new group – the Church Planting and Missions Development Group (CPMD). Formed out of components of the Mission Growth Evangelism Group (MGE), Administration & Convention Relations Group and Business Services Group, this new division will combine Church Planting; Associational Partnerships; Cooperative Program (CP) Missions Development, Stewardship, and NCMO; and the new Women's Ministry under the direction of a new executive leader. As a result of this action, the group formerly known as MGE will be re-named the Evangelization Group and retain its leadership role of evangelism with adults, youth and children as well as the outreach to college and university campuses across the state of North Carolina under Executive Leader Don McCutcheon.

Embrace Women's Ministries and Missions was launched this year. This ministry will embrace God's call to pray for and minister to women, their families and future generations for the building up of Christ's Kingdom. Embrace will focus on ministry to women and families through three major intents: evangelism, discipleship and missions.

Associational Partnerships

Ken Kessler, Baptist State Convention Associational Partnerships Team Leader for the past three and a half years, took a position with the Baptist General Association of Virginia in April 2008. Betsy Roland, Associational Partnerships Ministry Assistant, continues to serve associational staff as we search for a new Team Leader. The Convention serves churches along with 80 associations across the state.

Each year Associational Partnerships hosts an associational missions summer conference. This year's conference theme was "Living with Urgency:

Seize the Divine Moment." Speakers included Hugh Townsend, North American Mission Board; Pedro Rosario, Crown Financial Ministries; and David Mann, LifeWay Network Partnerships Specialist.

Bivocational Ministries also hosts an annual summer conference. "Developing the Leader Within You" was the focus this year, with special emphasis on 1 Timothy 5:2-3. Conference participants at Caraway Conference Center heard from Jim Henry, retired senior pastor; Ray Gilder, bivocational specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and Diane Gilder, teacher and leader in conferences for ministers spouses. Lester Evans is the BSCNC bivocational ministries consultant. The BSCNC has about 1,400 churches with bivocational staff.

Also sponsored annually is the Associational Staff/Convention Staff Dialogue. Each January, leaders dialogue about common ministry points in associations across North Carolina. Leaders learn from the ideas of others and encourage one another in their evangelism opportunities.

The retired directors of missions banquet in December invites leaders and their spouses to Caraway to fellowship and share how the Lord continues to work in their lives.

Associational Partnerships helps associations fill ministry positions and provides training for search committees. Through Ministry Partnership Agreements local associations partner with this office in outreach such as church planting, resort ministry and ethnic and language ministry.

Another resource offered by this office is demographic services for associations and churches. Understanding the demographics of an associational area can help leaders be more effective in their planning and outreach. Convention churches can access this information through the Percept organization at the Web site www.link2lead.com. This year Percept added advanced features to allow leaders to view demographic data not only in their association, but within a certain mile radius of the association. Leaders can also view the demographics of other associations.

Associational Partnerships allows North Carolina Baptists to serve together and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Conference Centers

This year 768 students made professions of faith, 1,804 made rededications and 52 were called to full time ministry during summer youth weeks at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell. During Congregational Leadership Days at Hollifield more than 3,000 North Carolina Baptists came to Lake Hickory for retreats and leadership development. Truett Camp hosted the Western Happiness Retreat, Junior Music Camp and Youth Music Week. Caraway Conference Center and Camp built a prayer chapel and welcomed 23,000 guests to its facilities.

Church Planting

The Lord blessed the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina with a total of 99 new churches last year. This consisted of 77 new church plants and 22 new affiliates. Included were 77 Anglo, 15 Hispanic, eight Asian and eight multi-ethnic churches. Others were African-American, cowboy, biker, Montagnard, Hmong and African churches.

For the reporting year, North Carolina Baptist churches baptized 23, 122 people.

One of the primary components of the church planting process in North Carolina is Basic Training for Church Planters, a weeklong training event. This year we trained 106 people at this event.

The Church Planting Team also offered a “Partners in Church Planting” conference at Caraway Conference Center, when participants learned the three levels of partnerships in church plants.

Amaury Santos, Hispanic church planting consultant, joined the Church Planting Team.

Eternal Impact

The theme for the 2008 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer was “Eternal Impact” (www.ncmissionsoffering.org). This offering is the visible expression of North Carolina Baptists who desire to impact eternity. The offering supports the work of NC Baptist Men, church planting and evangelism, missions education and promotion, associational projects and mission camps. By supporting this offering and week of prayer, North

Carolina Baptists work to impact God’s world for eternal change to God’s eternal glory.

Another way North Carolina Baptists make missions a priority is by giving through the Cooperative Program. Awards were given to the 20 churches leading the Convention in Cooperative Program giving for 2007. Among churches with more than 400 members, Peninsula Baptist Church in Mooresville was first in giving, while the leader among churches with fewer than 400 members was Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Deep Gap.

Making Disciples

Congregational Services has a vision for North Carolina Baptist churches to make disciples resulting in lives changed by the power of God.

Congregational Services assists churches in Sunday School, church administration, church building and planning, music and worship, children’s ministry, preschool ministry and family ministry.

Youth who attended music week at Truett Camp were challenged to devote their lives to worshipping the Creator. This year the All-State Youth Choir celebrated 10 years of ministry.

Churches participating in Sunday School leadership training and the Associational Smaller Membership Sunday School Growth Plan saw more people coming to church and hearing the Gospel. Through collaborative leadership, the Pastors Disciple-Making Network, and discipleship conferences such as Transformed Hearts, North Carolina Baptists have been encouraged to go forth and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Scholarships

A scholarship program has been established and is administered by the Convention for students from North Carolina Baptist churches. This year nearly \$1 million was awarded, with more than 700 students receiving scholarships. Students applying for the Baptist Scholarship were required to answer two essay questions: “Give your personal testimony” and “How is the Cooperative Program relevant to today’s generation?” Students were also required to submit a letter of recommendation from their church pastor.

Telling the Good News

The Intentionally Evangelistic Church Strategy (IECS) remains the primary strategy for winning North Carolina to Christ. A total of 444 participants and 166 North Carolina Baptist churches participated this year in the IECS and IECS training. The IECS strategy seminars are moving from exclusively state meetings to more seminars on the associational level.

In May, the Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening announced the addition of a prayer room at the Baptist Building in Cary. This room serves as a model for Kingdom-focused prayer that seeks to glorify Christ and fulfill His mission.

The annual Revive Us Again statewide prayer conference was held at Hope Community Church in Raleigh and pastors and leaders united in prayer for revival and awakening during eight associational half-day retreats. Regional overnight one-day retreats were also held across the state.

The “Evangelizing Our Culture with the Gospel” conference was held February 25-26 at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro and included equipping seminars, worship and church growth dialogue sessions.

Retirements

Janice Haywood, senior consultant for children’s ministry, retired after 30 years of serving North Carolina Baptist churches. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute president Kenneth W. Ridings retired after 11 years as president.



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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For International Missions
Theme: “Go Tell the Story of Jesus”

For more than 150 years, Southern Baptist missionaries have labored to carry the Gospel to the lost. But despite their sacrifice – and that of generations of Southern Baptists who have given faithfully to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – our Great Commission task is not yet complete.

This offering is named in memory of Charlotte (Lottie) Diggs Moon. Born into privilege on a Virginia estate, Lottie was a smart, forceful woman who could have achieved most any goal. But God’s call focused her life on sharing Christ’s love with China’s lost masses. For 37 years, she endured hardship and danger in a land oppressed by famine, disease, and war. In the end, she loved the Chinese more than life itself, giving her own food to starving neighbors – eventually dying of starvation herself. Throughout her career, Lottie wrote numerous letters home urging Southern Baptists to greater missions’ involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists’ first offering for international missions in 1888, enough to send three more missionaries to China. In this letter of September 15, 1887, from Tengchow, China, she wrote, *“how many there are...who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God.”*

Lottie would be burdened for the more than 3,340 of the world’s 11,600 people groups who continue to live and die in spiritual darkness. This represents 6.6 billion people. Among these least reached people there are few, if any, evangelical Christians, and no one is working to plant new churches. Closing this gap will require a growing missionary force partnering with stateside churches, national Baptists, and other Great Commission Christian groups. That’s not all. Sending an unprecedented number of missionaries will also require extraordinary giving on behalf of Southern Baptists.

As of June 25th, we have 5,317 International missionaries serving worldwide. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering ensures that these missionaries and others who are appointed can remain in the field, representing us as they “Go and Tell the Story of Jesus.”

What will it take to ensure that every tribe, tongue, and nation hears the story of Jesus? May we be faithful to **pray, teach, go, and give** so the lost will hear this story.

By: Vivian B. Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

North Carolina Missions Emphasis

North Carolina Missions Offering

Theme: “Eternal Impact – Impacted by Eternal Truth, Impacted for Eternal Change”

The North Carolina Missions Offering is the visible expression of North Carolina Baptists who desire to impact eternity. Many ministries are supported through these offerings. The need is temporal – the impact is eternal!

A large portion of this offering goes to the ministries of the NC Baptist Men. Through the organized efforts of NC Baptist Men’s Disaster Teams, many people are fed, clothed, and cared for in times of tragedy and disaster. The Baptist Men offer shelter and hope in the time of storm and point others to the eternal security found only in the Gospel of Jesus. Since Hurricane Katrina devastated Gulfport in 2005, they have built 715 homes, with over 1 million meals prepared, over 200,000 volunteer days, and 4,124 work requests completed. The Mayor of Gulfport designated January 15, 2008, as “North Carolina Baptist Men’s Day.”

There are many other ministries of the NC Baptist Men, such as partnerships with other states and countries. Volunteers have served in Vermont, Wyoming, Hawaii, Honduras, India, Kenya, Canada, and many other locations. Medical Missions provided dental service to 3,404 patients. From this ministry, there were 86 professions of faith. Over 1,000 boys attended Camp Caraway with 94 professions of faith. The Baptist Men support all the RA activities. Many youngsters learn about Jesus as they attend Camp Caraway. This is but a few of the ministries of the NC Baptist Men’s organization of the convention.

Other ministries of the NC Missions Offering are Church Planting & Evangelism, Mission Camps, Association Projects, and Missions Education & Promotion. Our Baptists started 99 new churches during 2007. Along the way, there were more than 2,600 professions of faith, 545 new Bible studies, more than 2,800 people were involved in Bible study, most of them previously unreached. More than 6,200 people attended worship services at the new churches. Although many churches were started in 2007, there needs to be about three times that many just to keep up with our state’s rapid population growth.

We have heard Christ’s call to serve the needs of our world, both physically and spiritually, through the missions and ministries supported by the NC Missions Offering. Changed lives have resulted! The impact is eternal! As we each pray, teach, go, and give, we show our Lord that we are listening and acting in obedience. The special offering to support missions of North Carolina Baptist Convention is received during September each year.

“the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

By: Vivia Cline

Antioch Baptist Church

North American Missions Emphasis

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Theme: “Live With Urgency – Seize Your Divine Moment”

As Christians we are commanded to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ. The exciting result, when Christians obediently answer God’s call to faithfully tell His story to others, is we see our world change through individuals whose lives have been impacted by Christ. According to a late survey data, 3 out of 4 people in North America do not profess to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. More than 5,300 North American missionaries are striving to meet these needs by giving their lives to ***“live with urgency – and seize the divine moments”*** to change the world throughout the United States, Canada, and other territories. They are dedicated to sharing Christ and seeing lives changed when people accept Him as Savior.

We, too, can live with that same urgency. It means living with the intentions of obedience. With eyes wide open and hearts in tune with God’s, our minds are ready to engage and be engaged with others in His name and for His glory. By seizing every opportunity, “while it is day,” to do the work God has called us to do, we make a significant impact on others and on the kingdom of God.

There are 251 million unbelievers in the United States, Canada, and their territories. Our North American missionaries rely on Christians to pray fervently for those who need to hear the gospel and that they would accept Christ as Savior. We can support them through our prayers; we can also support them financially through our giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. One Hundred percent of AAEO funds directly support the missionaries and their ministries.

Miss Annie Armstrong, for whom this offering is named, lived from 1850 to 1938. Her strong commitment to taking the gospel to Native Americans and immigrants came after hearing of their need. She traveled to Indian territories to minister personally to them. She also encouraged women to make boxes of supplies for missionaries so they could be better equipped to take the gospel to all people.

When WMU was organized in 1888, Miss Annie became the first corresponding secretary. It was a job she did wholeheartedly and without pay. She literally wrote thousands of letters (by hand) advocating mission work. In one year she wrote over 18,000 letters. She spoke in churches to spark the interest of women to take seriously a commitment to missions and support Southern Baptist missionaries. Therefore, it was very fitting in 1936 that the North American Missions Offering was named in her honor.

Our North American missionaries depend on us for their support. Not everyone can go on the mission field to serve. But we can **pray**; we can **teach** about missions; and we can **give** to missions. Emphasis for this offering each year is March or April.

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.”
Isa. 52:7a

By Vivian Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

World Hunger Missions Emphasis

World Hunger Offering

- Each year more than 6 million children under the age of 5 die as a result of hunger.
- Hunger and poverty claim 25,000 lives every day in the world.

These two facts alone are staggering. The lack of available food around the world and in our own nation is overwhelming. But we, as Southern Baptists, have a unique way in which to help eradicate world hunger. We have the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

Because personnel are already in place and their costs are funded out of other budgets, the Hunger Fund uses 100% of all contributions to feed hungry people and ministries to meet those goals. When Southern Baptists give food, they are there also to make disciples for Jesus. The goal is to build relationships with people and eventually lead them to Christ as they are fed physically.

As we see and hear of major disasters in our country and world, we realize even more the importance of the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. In 2007, our hunger ministries fed nearly 6 million meals in North America.

Hunger Worldwide: 854 million people across the world are hungry. Every day more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes – one every 5.4 seconds. In the developing world, more than 1 billion people live below the poverty line, earning less than \$1 per day. Over 146 million children under age 5 are underweight and in danger of hunger related diseases.

Hunger in the United States: 35.5 million people – including 12.6 million children – live in households that experience hunger. This is roughly 11 percent of the 301 million people in the U.S. At least 1 out of 8 households has reduced the quality of its diet to utilize money for other needs. At high risk of hunger are: older couples on small pensions with high medical bills, single parent who must choose to pay rent or food, or children who struggle to concentrate on their schoolwork because the family had no food the previous night.

Mother Teresa wrote, “I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, ‘this is hungry Jesus. I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve them because I love Jesus.’”

Our full cupboards and bountiful meals call us to accountability for cupboards around the world that are empty. This offering is received each year in October. World Hunger Day is observed on the second Sunday of October. In Jesus’ words, *“whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me.”*
Matt. 25:40

By: Vivian Cline
Antioch Baptist Church

Historical Events

The churches in the Association provided the following historical events for the past year:



ABA News



Bethlehem Baptist – Chris Meade ordained into the ministry on July 27, 2008

East Taylorsville Baptist – Named Rev. Gary Jennings Pastor Emeritus.

Happy Trails Cowboy Church – A total of 99 prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Sulphur Springs Baptist – New 400 seat sanctuary completed and now in use!

Three Forks Baptist – Ordained Donie Barnes as Deacon. A team of four went to Russia on missions. A team of eleven went to New Orleans on missions.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Goble, Association Clerk



Mission Endowment Application Committee Report

The Eva Alsbaugh-Alexander Baptist Association Lay Mission Endowment Fund is a fund that has been established to assist active and participating members of a church in the Alexander Baptist Association with mission expenditures.

Six month prior to any mission trip, the Pastor of a church within the Alexander Baptist Association may make a recommendation to the Mission Endowment Application Committee to help with expenditures related to a mission trip. The major emphasis of the trip must be to present the Gospel of Christ in a verbal witness providing an opportunity for people to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. This is to be done through one on one witnessing or in group settings. A person may receive assistance from the Mission Endowment Fund once every three years. This is to allow more people to receive assistance from the fund.

The Association received a check in October, 2007, for \$941.65 of interest earned from the Baptist Foundation. This was deposited in the money market account where it earns interest monthly. On June 9, 2008, the committee approved using \$945.00 of the money to assist with expenses for a Montana mission trip. On June 27, 2008, \$1,035.19 was received from the Baptist Foundation where to date it has earned \$0.75. That plus the \$0.61 that was left in the account from June 9, 2008 leaves a balance of \$1,036.55.

Please know that this money is available under the guidelines listed above and that the Mission Endowment Application Committee stands ready to help you as you seek to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

*Paul D. Schronce
Director
Mission Endowment Application Committee*



ALEXANDER BAPTIST MEN

The Baptist Men of the Alexander Baptist Association were involved in a number of mission projects this past year {2008}. At the present time, we do not have a complete list of all the mission projects completed by each church family.

We commend our Baptist Men for their faithful, united mission team spirit to serve and minister to the needs of people in their church families and communities. We would appreciate you letting your Baptist Men or Women's Director know of any local mission projects.

I commend our Baptist Men and Women for being involved in Operation-In-As-Much this year. Seven church families completed more than fifty mission projects.

Antioch Baptist Church hosted the Disaster Relief Team Banquet on January twenty-fifth. Antioch Baptist Church provided inspiring, inspirational music for the worship service. The Baptist Women from Antioch provided delicious desserts for the mission celebration. The purpose of the Disaster Relief Team Banquet is to inform, encourage, inspire, motive and challenge men and women to be involved in local missions. We received five hundred dollars more in donations than we spent in food preparation. PRAISE THE LORD for the labor of love and generosity of the people who were present.

The Baptist Men and Women, in fact, the entire church family of Antioch Baptist Church family hosted a mission golf tournament that raised more than seven thousand dollars for missions. The Alexander Baptist Disaster Relief Team received \$3,010.00 for mission projects in the Association. The balance of the money was divided between the W.M.U and the Baptist Men and Women of Antioch Baptist Church. THANK YOU ANTIOCH for your passionate heartbeat for missions.

The Alexander Baptist Disaster Relief Team was involved in the Apple Festival again this year. It involved far more than just preparing Bar-B.Q and raising funds for the Disaster Relief Team. The team members also shared numerous gospel tracts with the people.



Discipleship Training

The Discipleship Training Team is available to help you decide what Bible Studies your church might be interested in studying.

If you stop by the Alexander Baptist Associational Office you will find several great studies. But, if you are looking for a new study that is not available at the Associational Office just call Lari Stuckey and she will work with you to purchase the study of your choice.

We encourage you to set aside a night to offer Discipleship Training for the members of your church. What a great opportunity for learning along with great fellowship as you work together to see how God desires to do a work in individual lives and it will spill over into the church as people get excited about what they have learned.

God's Word is living and sharper than a two edged sword. We just need to put it in our hearts and apply it to our lives. God has gifted many different people to write wonderful studies. Take advantage of them!

If you need information about a youth speaker for your church call Rev Paul Schronce.

Rev Mitch King & Mr. Dallas Dolle can assist you with youth and children's Bible Drill.

Barbara Starnes
Rev Mitch King
Rev Paul Schronce
Mr. Dallas Dolle



Save the date for these upcoming events!

Legacy: A Mother/ Daughter Retreat

March 27-28, 2009

Fort Caswell near Wilmington, NC

This mother/daughter retreat brings mothers and daughters of all ages together for inspiration, dialogue, relaxation and good clean FUN. Participants will be encouraged to leave a Legacy of faithfulness to God, His mission and each other as they seek Christ together.

Family Missions Week

August 10-14, 2009

Fort Caswell near Wilmington, NC (Partnership with Baptist Men)

In this event, families will be inspired to be on mission together through seasons of worship, Bible study, prayer and hands on participation through on-sight mission projects.

Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference

September 11-12, 2009

Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC

The beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina provide the perfect backdrop for this Women's Prayer and Evangelism Conference. In worship services and breakout sessions, participants will be inspired and challenged to engage, pray for and share Christ with their world.

Embrace Leadership Network

April 25, 2009, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

October 3, 2009, Cape Carteret Baptist Church, Cape Carteret, NC

November 7, 2009, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Hendersonville, NC

Embrace network events are informal gatherings that identify and encourage women's ministry leaders through times of training, fellowship, roundtable discussions and the sharing of ideas and resources.

A woman who fears the LORD will be praised... Proverbs 31:30

Vision:

Embrace God's call to pray for and minister to women, their families and future generations for the building up of Christ's Kingdom.

Mission:

Embrace responds to God's call and design for women to live in intimacy with Christ as they serve Him through the local church to prayerfully care for and develop evangelism, discipleship, and missions in women—leaving a legacy for future generations.

Our Intent:

Engage women with the gospel of Jesus Christ. (*Proverbs 21:20, Matthew 28:19*)

Educate women to prayerfully study and apply God's Word in their lives. (*Psalms 19:7, Titus 2:3-4*)

Equip women to do kingdom work through service locally and globally. (*Acts 1:8, Psalm 2:8*)



Dear Associational Leadership,

This year at the Baptist State Convention annual session you will hear stories of how North Carolina Baptists are following Jesus' model of ministry to be *Caring, Sharing, and Daring*. Our theme this year for the annual session will help us remember how our Savior's mission becomes our model for all modern ministry in His name.

The Council on Christian Higher Education invites you to join us as we rejoice in how students on college and university campuses across the state are proving themselves to be *Caring, Sharing, and Daring* disciples for Jesus Christ. Here are just a few examples of how God is at work at the five institutions of higher education that cooperate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Campbell University: The School of Education marked its first year as a Teaching Fellows program; ninety-five percent of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Class of 2007 passed the North Carolina Bar Exam; work is nearing completion on the new football stadium complex and the \$30 million John W. Pope, Jr. Convocation Center; crews broke ground on the Robert H. and Anna Gardner Butler Chapel.

Chowan University: Campus Ministry founded a new tradition – The Chowan Cares Campaign – launching a campus-wide annual week dedicated to community service and outreach; students participated in lay revival weekends, missions trips and summer missions.

Gardner-Webb University: Overall enrollment was 3,988 for the fall semester, the highest enrollment in history; the GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program celebrated 30 years of service; the Frank Nanney Hall building, the new home for the Noel Program for Students with Disabilities, opened its doors for the first time; the founding of The Center for Transformational Leadership was announced.

Mars Hill College: The Ferguson Math and Science Center opened with more laboratory and classroom space; the new Day Hall, currently in the planning stages, will be MHC's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building; renovations will be made to the Wall Science Building and Moore Fine Arts Building.

Wingate University: The University introduced a new master's program in Physician Assistant Studies; introduced the Ed.D in Educational Leadership; more than 430 people attended Wingate's annual fall "Church Youth Day;" 18 students served on short-term mission trips; 300 students participated in campus ministry programs.

We hope you will attend the annual session of the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro November 10-12 and hear more from the Council on Christian Higher Education about how students are living as *Caring, Sharing, and Daring*.

Your gifts to the Cooperative Program are critical to the success of these institutions and students. This year nearly \$1 million was awarded in scholarships, with more than 700 students receiving scholarships. Students applying for the Baptist Scholarship were required to answer two essay questions: "Give your personal testimony" and "How is the Cooperative Program relevant to today's generation?" Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for our college students and faculty.

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Report for 2008 Book of Reports

Office of the GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

The GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina exists to educate and inform key lay leaders who are the decision makers in our churches, and to facilitate the delivery of important products and services to the employees of the more than 4,000 churches affiliated with our state convention. Specifically, we use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the procurement of the following for church employees: **Insurance Products** (Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Medical, Disability, Dental, and Long Term Care), **Retirement Products** (Church Retirement Plan, Traditional and Roth IRAs, Personal Investments, etc.), **Compensation Planning for Church Employees**, **Tax Issues**, etc. In addition, we work closely with GuideStone Financial Resources in Dallas to provide financial assistance to those elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one time assistance through the **Mission:Dignity Ministry** which is the new term for the very successful Adopt an Annuitant Ministry.

To personalize the importance of our work please consider the following vignettes. First, consider Pastor A, who had emergency heart bypass surgery this year with no medical insurance. The overwhelming cost of this surgery has placed a tremendous financial burden on him and his family. Furthermore, this pastor was not an active participant in the church retirement plan until recently. With the state convention protection benefits that come with monthly contributions to the retirement plan this pastor, as a retirement participant, now has a survivor and disability benefit in place for himself and his family in case of a debilitating illness, accident or death. Since no underwriting is required to prove evidence of good health, this pastor, his family, and the church he is serving is now protected from another catastrophic event resulting in disability and/or death. In 2007 working with GuideStone we paid the following disability and survivor protection benefits to North Carolina church employees and/or their families: 111 Disability Benefits Totaling \$606,708.68 and 39 Survivor Benefits Totaling \$391,254.53. This is a powerful example of **CARING** by our state convention by providing these much needed financial resources for those in need.

Secondly, please note that all church planters who receive financial assistance from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are now required to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan. With this change in policy we have the assurance of protection for all of our church planters, their families, and the churches they are starting in case something happens to them. By **DARING** to move in this direction our state convention has provided a safety net for those who have stepped out in faith to begin much needed new churches in our state.

Thirdly, consider Pastor C, who has now retired because of poor health. During this past year we qualified him to begin receiving monthly financial assistance from GuideStone through the Mission:Dignity Ministry to supplement his paltry monthly income. In fact, his wife shared with me recently that they would be in deep financial trouble without that monthly financial assistance from GuideStone. As of June 30, 2008, we have 206 persons from North Carolina who are receiving financial assistance through Mission:Dignity. **SHARING** in this way fulfills the mandate of scripture to provide for those in need. Please assist us in identifying other persons who might qualify for this assistance.

Finally, we wish to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information and products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Montana Missions 2008

In our last annual meeting in 2007 churches were challenged to give and go to Montana to minister to the Blackfeet Indians in Browning, Montana. There was financial support from Antioch Baptist, Bethlehem Baptist to help finish a small building that provided Sunday school space. This past April, Mark Foy and Mark Marshall from East Taylorsville along with Roger Martin from Oxford Baptist Church in Conover, NC completed the building. There were three men from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Gainesville, Ga. who helped in completing the project. On April 10-13 in the evenings Glacier View Baptist Chapel conducted revival services with Rev. Stacy Phillips and Rev. Mark Marshall. Through "Times of Refreshing" 5 Native Americans came to know Christ as their savior. The following Sunday all 5 were Baptized as new believers.

On June 14-21 there were several churches that lead VBS at Glacier View Baptist Chapel in Browning, Montana. East Taylorsville and Hiddenite Baptist were two churches from the Alexander Baptist Association. That week 44 children came to know Christ as their Savior. The following week of June 21-28 a team of 21 from East Taylorsville, Hiddenite and Mountain View Baptist did follow-up on all these decisions. Our Churches lead Sunday morning worship and Rev. Gary W. Jennings delivered the message. Hiddenite Baptist worked with the Blackfeet Housing to completed 4 wheelchair ramps for needy families. Our churches worked with Cross Training Sports Camp Ministry throughout the week at the Browning Middle School where we shared the gospel with everyone. Every evening we fed the children at Glacier View Baptist Chapel. We had adult Bible studies each evening on the family that were written by Native peoples. The last day we held our first community block party many people came to hear the music and see the drama. Gary Jennings shared an evangelistic message to the Blackfeet people.

This was our 4th annual mission trip to Browning, Montana ministering to the Blackfeet Indians. We have witnessed over 153 children and adults that have come to know Jesus as their Savior. We are planning to return in June of 2009 for the fifth year. Would you consider joining us as we ministry to the Blackfeet Indians?

History of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church was organized on January 31, 1852 by a presbytery consisting of:

Rev John G Brian

Jacob Crouch

William Poole

William Poole was made pastor and John T Baker was appointed church clerk. From that time until now, there has been a loving and vibrant congregation of God's people. The ministry of Pleasant Hill has been an ever-expanding one. For many years, the church met in the old white framed building which was erected in 1885. In 1952, a brick church was built as the ministry continued to grow and the white framed building was sold. A pastorium was constructed on the church property in 1974. The need for educational space grew at Pleasant Hill, and an education building was completed in 1981. In February of 1988 a ground breaking ceremony was held to kick off construction of a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 400 plus a fellowship hall. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church members began holding worship services in this sanctuary on August 6, 1989, and a dedication service was held on November 5, 1989 with the theme of the service being based on Matthew 16:18-"AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT". As a result of a fire on April 21, 2001, Pleasant Hill became involved in another building plan. God mercifully allowed this church to thrive in the midst of tragedy and we now have a completed educational complex and family life center. We had a note burning service on May 4, 2008. Pleasant Hill had had 36 pastors and presently Rev Don Ingle is serving as our Interim Pastor. We rejoice in what God is doing with His church and joyfully give all honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. May God's blessings always rest on His church at Pleasant Hill.

Digest of Letters	County	1	3	4	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	24	25	25a	25b
IMPORTANT: This table is for use by the clerk in any way helpful. It is not to be sent to the state convention office or Southern Baptist Convention office		Total Membership	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment/Participation	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total VMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions
	County														
Churches															
Antioch	Alexander	659	8	13	313	190	248	122	86	120	43	\$ 585,133	\$ 93,171	\$ 32,209	\$ 2,400
550 Antioch Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Bethlehem	Alexander	861	6	8	572	305	267	0	95	78	15	\$ 755,420	\$ 79,026	\$ 62,000	\$ 4,200
7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Calvary	Alexander														
131 5th Ave NW, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
East Taylorsville	Alexander	1,673	28	32	643	430	325	0	145	130	60	\$ 1,150,685	\$ 171,958	\$ 19,000	\$ 9,500
644 1st Ave Dr SE, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Happy Trails Cowboy Church	Alexander	22	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	\$ 44,081	\$ 14,100	\$ 2,109	\$ 1,266
311 Ned Herman Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Hiddenite	Alexander	262	4	9	149	79	75	0	29	22	20	\$ 249,275	\$ 16,844	\$ 4,096	\$ 2,518
250 Hiddenite Church St, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Lebanon	Alexander	209	2	2	80	80	0	20	65	0	0	\$ 181,130	\$ 56,705	\$ 16,496	\$ 8,253
167 Lebanon Church Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Linney's Grove	Alexander	206	2	0	97	75	106	0	48	0	0	\$ 106,628	\$ 11,477	\$ 1,832	\$ 2,748
7932 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Little River	Alexander	372	2	6	181	127	130	75	125	0	0	\$ 345,488	\$ 9,941	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,700
2070 Little River Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Macedonia	Alexander	188	1	4	73	58	64	0	48	16	3	\$ 104,178	\$ 7,271	\$ -	\$ 4,900
63 Macedonia Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Millersville	Alexander	878	27	16	321	204	215	0	66	70	99	\$ 481,985	\$ 120,266	\$ 47,963	\$ 2,600
130 Millersville Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Mountain Ridge	Alexander														
Mt Herman	Alexander	302	8	5	145	110	105	0	52	46	19	\$ 237,033	\$ 67,437	\$ 28,340	\$ 11,000
3280 US Hwy 64/90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Mt Olive	Alexander	135	0	7	49	32	45	0	32	0	0	\$ 16,300	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ -
210 Mt Olive Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Pilgrim	Alexander	226	10	15	98	86	147	46	91	16	17	\$ 110,328	\$ 11,240	\$ 5,620	\$ 500
965 Pilgrim Church Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Pleasant Hill	Alexander	310	6	4	99	80	87	0	30	0	0	\$ 208,969	\$ 31,739	\$ 15,656	\$ 2,570
31 Pleasant Hill Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Smyrna	Alexander	245	2	5	73	64	123	0	78	31	21	\$ 19,415	\$ 21,752	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,730
6174 Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Stony Point	Alexander	501	11	0	340	170	314	206	78	59	39	\$ 419,738	\$ 58,965	\$ 38,914	\$ 9,728
231 Runtan Park Road, Stony Point, NC 28678															
Sulphur Springs	Alexander	437	15	15	311	205	298	80	125	98	95	\$ 380,497	\$ 43,277	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,000
116 Patterson Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636															
Taylorsville First	Alexander	479	0	8	208	130	210	0	75	33	0	\$ 624,144	\$ 54,313	\$ 17,048	\$ 4,092
405 West Main Ave, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Three Forks	Alexander	716	10	14	345	234	220	131	134	95	45	\$ 751,101	\$ 212,331	\$ 36,912	\$ 8,000
4685 Three Forks Ch Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681															
Unify Hmong	Catawba	51	9	0	45	45	0	3	3	0	0	\$ 4,096	\$ 1,230	\$ -	\$ 615
4687 Springs Road, Conover, NC 28613															
TOTALS		8,732	154	166	4,142	2,704	2,979	683	1,412	814	476	\$ 6,775,624	\$ 1,083,391	\$ 368,195	\$ 82,320

